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POETRY.

Little Feet.

Two little feet so small that both may nestle
In one caressing hand,
Two tender feet upon the untrodden border
Of life's mysterious land.

Dimpled and soft and pink as peach tree blossoms
In April's fragrant days;
How can they walk among the briery tangles
Edging the world's rough ways?

These white rose feet along the doubtful future
Must bear a woman's load;
Alas! since woman has the heaviest burden
And walks the hardest road.

Love for awhile will make the path before them
All dainty, smooth and fair—
Will cut away the bramble, letting only
The roses blossom there.

But when the mother's watchful eyes are shrouded
Away from sight of men,
And these dear feet are left without her guiding,
Who shall direct them then?

Will they go stumbling blindly in the darkness
Of sorrow's fearful shades,
Or find the upland slopes of peace and beauty,
Whose sunlight never fades?

How shall it be with her, the tender stranger,
Fair face and gentle-eyed,
Before whose untainted feet the worlds rude
Stretch out so strange and wide?

Ah! who may read the future? For our darling
We crave all blessings sweet,
And pray that He who feeds the crying ravens
Will guide the baby's feet.

—Florence Percy.

SYNOPSIS

OF THE CLOSING SERMON, DELIVERED IN THE CHAPEL OF THE NEW YORK INSTITUTION FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB, ON SUNDAY, JUNE 22D, 1884, BY ISAAC LEWIS PEET, LL. D., PRINCIPAL.

(PROVERBS, IV., 23.)

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for, out of it, are the issues of life.

There is a heart of the body, and there is a heart of the soul. The one is the engine which keeps up the circulation of the blood, receiving it in both its incomplete and in its tainted condition, and forcing it into the lungs, whence, purified and transformed by contact with the life-giving air, it returns to be sent forth to build up and strengthen brain and nerve and bone and muscle, to bear light to the eye, to give hearing to the ear, to impart sensitiveness to the touch, and to endow with delicate discrimination both taste and smell. To keep this heart in a perfect condition requires a careful observance of what are called the laws of health, laws which have formed a part of your education here, and which, if faithfully obeyed, will increase your comfort and prolong your lives. The other is the seat of the emotions, the desires and the purposes of man, and is the mainspring of his actions. This is the heart, which, under the figure of a fountain, is presented to us in the text.

Under the light of the New Testament, however, it is not the heart with which we were born. "Verily, verily, I say unto you," said our Saviour to Nicodemus, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God." It is the new heart which is born of the Spirit.

Keep thy heart—WHERE?

High, that the streams that flow out from it may rise to the elevation of their source—near to the heart of God, near to the heights of Heaven, near to the great white throne, near to the source of truth. It is as the soul rises above the body, as it controls and masters it, as the principles and purposes of life are made to rest upon the grand foundations of truth and wisdom and integrity, as man loves God with all his heart and his neighbor as himself, that he attains true manhood, true nobility, true power, true success. A character thus founded is forceful. It has an end, a good end, in view, and accomplishes it.

Keep thy heart—WHAT?

Pure, clean, unselfish, benevolent, honest, truthful, without vanity, without jealousy, without envy, without hatred.

To the wisdom of a serpent, a man with such a character unites the harmlessness of the dove. The purity of the fountain imparts purity to the stream. "Men do not gather grapes of thorns nor figs of thistles."

Keep thy heart—HOW?

With all diligence. By applying the principles by which the heart is kept high and pure. These are—1st. Thoughtfulness and meditation before action.

2d. Study with regard to what is right and wrong, making the Word of God as contained in the Holy Scriptures the standard of action.

3d. Prayer for the influences of the Holy Spirit. Here we find the closest analogy between the body and the soul.

But for the pure air, which, through the lungs, changes the dark, venous blood into the bright red fluid which the heart sends into every portion of our physical system, asphyxia and death would be the result of a single passage of the blood through the arteries and veins. So, but for the Holy Spirit, renewing and sanctifying the life-current of the soul, the heart would be the centre and source of impurity of thought, purpose and desire. Thus in both parts of our complex existence, the physical and the spiritual, we see the necessity of regeneration and sanctification.

Keep thy heart—WHY?

Because out of it are the issues of life. As the sparkling stream bears forth the crystal waters of the elevated, clear and carefully tended fountain, and as the impure stream reveals the blackness of its hideous source, so the high, pure and diligently-kept heart is exhibited in the actions of a noble, upright and consistent life; while the heart which is of the earth, earthly, whose aims are low, whose pleasures are grovelling, and which is not filled with the love of either God or man, finds its expression in a life which neither receives nor imparts true happiness, and which is not only profitless, but positively injurious.

This last Sabbath of our school year has brought us to a new stage in the journey of life. Let us be grateful for the good influences which have thus far surrounded us, and let us determine that we will henceforward keep our hearts with all diligence, so that the future shall bring us only good.

During the vacation time you will have the opportunity of showing your parents how much this Institution has done for you. Try and make them happy by obedience, by cheerfulness, by assisting them when you can, and by abstaining from all those things which you know to be wrong. Cultivate your minds by reading good books and by written conversation with intelligent persons. Keep your eyes open and learn all you can by observation and inquiry. Enjoy the simple pleasures which are offered to you and the excursions which your friends may give you, but avoid all excesses, and be known as discreet, kind, well-behaved young persons; and, in the fall, on the very day when the new school year opens, may you return with your health improved, with your ideas enlarged, and with a new determination to make the most of the advantages here offered to you.

To others of you, this is a still more solemn occasion. You stand upon the threshold of a new life. Heretofore, you have been cared for, and nurtured, and supported, and guarded, and instructed. Now, you are about to try your wings, to make the attempt to depend upon yourselves, and not upon others. Do this in the fear of God. Begin and end each day with prayer. Look above for wisdom and guidance. Keep your heart with all diligence in the manner which I have endeavored to set forth to you; and then, let this simple rule be your guide:

In every thing you undertake, be as perfect as you can.

If you pursue the trade you have been taught here, let your work be conscientious. Put your mind into it. Try to find out exactly what your employer wishes of you, and then try to please him by your industry, your good temper, your promptness and the excellence of your workmanship. Retire early, and refresh yourselves by an abundance of wholesome sleep. Rise early, and be ready to begin your day's work in time. Be cleanly in person, neat in attire, pleasant in your manners, truthful in your words, and honest in all your dealings.

If you can help it, never spend all your wages, but, from the beginning, save a portion for sickness and old age, reserve a portion for the purchase of books, and reserve another portion to assist other deaf-mutes who are more unfortunate than yourselves. Be abstemious in your habits. Use neither tobacco nor intoxicating beverages, which you will find not only useless, but injurious, and avoid as superfluous what is not necessary for your health.

All this will require much self-denial and self-control, but self-denial and self-control are essential to all success.

Look upon the bright side of life. Be happy in all your works and ways, and let your happiness give you a cheerful countenance.

Such a life will be a sermon to others, a sermon more powerful in its influence, silent though it be, than if you were gifted with eloquence of speech; and it may be that when you reach Heaven, you will find there many who will rise up and call you blessed, because your example will have pointed out to them the way to everlasting happiness.

Chicago.

The Chicago Mute Circle met at Farwell Hall, Thursday evening, June 5th, to hear Lars Larson lecture on "The Democratic Party." He explained the original terms of the two political parties, known as the Whig and Tory parties in England, and gave brief accounts of the same parties formed in America. He turned to his subject by saying that after the Revolutionary war, a long, old party, first termed the Republican Party and afterwards changed and called the Democratic Party. He gave its history, and told some principal things which it had done us both good and bad in our governments. The Circle adjourned after a brief social.

Rev. A. W. Mann spoke on "Don Quixote" before the Mute Circle, Saturday evening, June 7th, at 8 p.m. He related some things about chivalry and prominent military customs done long ago in Europe, and gave out a reading of Don Quixote. It was of great interest to all present at the meeting. After this speech was over, a sign choir, led by Misses Lillie Gottschalg, Nettie Spalding, Cora B. Gunn, and Mattie Gottschalg, voluntarily rendered a well known hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in a pleasant manner. The meeting ended later than usual.

The Mute Circle assembled Thursday evening, the 19th inst. Lars Larson delivered a lecture on "Thoughts on Civilization," saying that civilization was a certain degree of perfection in the inner inclination of man towards something better and better in all the conditions and modes of life, and he told of how civilization went on in Greece, Egypt, Arabia, Roman Empire and other European countries and also in the United States, and of how they made progress in art, commerce, sciences, education, mechanics, telegraphy, government system, etc. The Circle declared it a most valuable speech, and they adjourned after a most social time. Rev. F. Read was present at the meeting.

A grand meeting of the deaf-mutes, including some from outside this city was held at Farwell Hall to hear Rev. F. Read preach a very excellent sermon on "God loveth a cheerful giver." He gave valuable illustrative remarks. Every one present could understand his signs. He rendered the Twenty-third Psalm in signs. His religious service was appreciated very well by all present. A good collection was taken for his fourth services. After some important notices were given, Lars Larson said that he was glad to have done a great deal for all the deaf people in the city during the past two years, and bade farewell to all, as he is to leave Chicago for the North-West. Chester Godman rose and responded in behalf of the mutes in the city, and gave him cards of thanks for his past voluntary services for the silent brethren in the city. After these exercises were over, many staid to renew acquaintances. Some of them remained in the members' parlors at Farwell Hall building till late in the evening. Among the listening audience were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. George, some pupils of the Jacksonville School, now staying home for vacation, some from Pullman, and others from villages around the city.

For the sake of some inquiries asking for the number of members of the Mute Circle, it has no members at all, and is governed by those deaf-mutes who have joined the Young Men's Christian Association. During the past two years, the Circle had over sixty lectures, half of which number were given by L. M. Larson, and the rest by twenty different persons—one from Iowa, Wisconsin and Louisiana; two from Ohio, and fifteen from Illinois; two debate meetings, seven socials, one magic lantern exhibition, one legerdemain, all done good for the adult deaf in the city.

Among the good papers in our city, we find *Lova Standard*, edited by Amos Martindale, who was educated at the Indiana School for the Deaf at Indianapolis, and published by Jacob Kleinhouse, who attended the Clarke Institution at Northampton, Mass. Their new paper is devoted to the working public, and not to the deaf

mutes. It is a very good one for the working deaf-mutes.

Immediately after the presidential nomination of Jas. G. Blaine was made, we read in the *Tribune* that he was a teacher at the deaf and dumb school in Philadelphia, for the reason some mutes here said they would vote for him. Will any of your readers in the Quaker City say if it is true that he once taught there?

Mr. Vail, of the Indiana School, Rev. F. Read, of the Jacksonville School, D. W. George and lady from Jacksonville, Mr. Downing, of the Iowa School, and Mr. Hasenstab, '85, at the National Deaf Mute College at Washington City, visited Lars Larson's Day School and examined his pupils. They found it all satisfactory.

Messrs. George and Downing visited Jas. E. Gallagher's School, and found it in good condition. 7-26-'84.

BOSTON.

A donation party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Lynde, on Friday evening last, and they presented a handsome duplex lamp and a purse of \$10.75 to Mrs. Lynde as a recognition of her services as teacher of the Bible class. Those who took part in the presentation were: Mrs. Wise, Mrs. Wellington, Miss Carroll, Miss Leach, of Taunton, and Messrs. Wood, Hargrave, Wild, Wellington, Clark, Tufts and Frisbee.

Rev. Mr. Rowe went to Bangor, Me., last Friday to hold religious services.

Messrs. Hargrave and Frisbee and Miss Leach called on Miss Fannie Roby, at her home near the seashore. They met Miss Ella Allen there.

The boat leaves Downer's Landing at 9:40, for the deaf-mute picnic, on the 9th.

Messrs. Wise, Fred Wood, Frank Roberts, Hargrave and Miss Bella Flagg were at Mrs. Wright's house, in Lowell, and attended the wedding of Mr. Wardman and Nellie Barrett, on the 18th.

Albert C. Hargrave will leave Boston for Augusta, Me., on July 11th. He will afterwards go to Bangor, and then to Bluehill for the summer.

Albert L. Carlisle, of Bangor, Me., was baptized by Rev. Mr. Chamberlain last May. Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Folsom were baptized in West Waterville, Me., a short time ago.

MICHIGAN.

(*Flint Journal*.)

Notwithstanding the closeness of the atmosphere and its accompanying discomforts, a large and select audience attended the exercises connected with the close of the present term of the State Institution for the education of the deaf and dumb in this city, held at Music Hall last evening. On the stage were seated the trustees of the Institution and Rev. H. M. Curtis, representing the city clergy. The program was opened by a few appropriate remarks from Prof. M. T. Gass, superintendent, who reviewed in brief, the work accomplished at the Institution during the year just closed. A sign recitation by Clara Ballard, Nellie Doughty, Lois Millsom, Mary Gagnon and Nellie Jones was well given, in unison, and won for the young people considerable applause. The blackboard exercises by the pupils of the lowest class, viz: Lois Millsom, Eunice Wade, Annie Traub, Senophia Bresseau, Willie Lee and Alex. Jacobson, were very interesting. A great deal of interest was manifested by the audience in the exercises in articulation, one of the most important branches taught at the institution, which came next. The speech of welcome by Sadie Faling; the visible speech exercises by Tommy Mohan and Freddie Vosburg; the sentence recitation by Lyla Carrel, Mazzie Bell, Nellie Jones, Fred Lawson, Frank Crope and Tommy Mohan; the concert recitation by Lyla Carrel, Mazzie Bell and Fred DeLand; the voice exercises by Lyla Carrel, Mazzie Bell, Fred Lawson and Tommy Mohan; and the lip-reading by Sadie Faling, Abbie Sherry, Margaret Kennedy and Robert Jones were all good and the close attention and won the applause of the audience. The reading of Robert Jones, a young lad about eighteen years of age, was excellent and called forth many expressions of surprise. One of the most interesting numbers on the program was the blackboard exercises by Frederica Goetz, Margaret Kennedy, Cynthia J. Springer, Stephen Dorgan, William A. Moore, Fred Lauffmann, and John Witherwas, members of the senior class. Each pupil was given a subject chosen by the audience, and within a

few minutes all had upon their blackboards excellent extempore compositions upon the topics assigned them. Sign recitations were given with much rapidity and expression by Marietta Lanzon and Rosa S. Potts. The first part of the literary program was closed with a splendid essay by Margaret L. Kennedy, a beautiful young lady of probably eighteen years of age. The distribution of diplomas to the successful pupils followed, and was presided over by Dr. Jas. C. Willson, who in making the presentations delivered himself of a few remarks that might better have been left unspoken, inasmuch as the young people to whom he addressed himself are not all paupers and dependent upon the charity of the state for an education. The remainder of the evening's entertainment was taken up in the production of "Cinderella; or, The Glass Slipper," in pantomime, by about twenty pupils, all of whom carried themselves throughout the in a most creditable manner. Prof. M. T. Gass, who closes his initial year as superintendent of the Institution, has good reason to feel proud of the excellent showing made by the pupils at the completion of his first term. The pupils will leave for their homes throughout the state to-day and tomorrow in charge of guides, who will see them safely to their destinations.

NEW JERSEY INSTITUTION.

INTERESTING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Several hundred ladies and gentlemen availed themselves of the kind general invitation extended to witness the closing exercises of the year, at the State's school for deaf-mutes, in Chambersburg. The exercises were held in the chapel of the institution, at half-past ten o'clock yesterday morning. They were opened with prayer by Bishop Scarborough, and a brief address by Superintendent Jenkins. The latter alluded to the great difficulty of teaching such children, and gave a brief history of the early attempts in the direction of their education. It was not thought possible, he said to cultivate their minds until Abbe de l'Epoc, of Paris, a renowned clerical philanthropist, opened a school for their kind. His was the first deaf mute school ever established. In this country the credit for the first school of a similar character is also owing to a clergyman, the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet. Now there are deaf mute schools in nearly every State in the Union. New Jersey sent her unfortunate children to other states for their education, until this fine institution was opened for them. The managers and the faculty are very proud of it, and the State had a right to point with pride to it.

Six little girls, who had been only one year under instruction, illustrated the oral methods in vogue in the school, under the direction of Miss Ely. They read her lips as she uttered words and sentences. The youngsters seemed to feel too abashed in the presence of so many strangers. When Miss Ely, standing some distance from them, said, "stamp with your feet!" the twelve little feet beat the floor merrily, making a sound like rat-a-ta on a snare-drum. They knelt in obedience to Miss Ely's request, took combs out of each other's hair, pointed out pictures in books and did many others things, showing that they easily comprehended what was said to them.

Some of the most proficient scholars in the school are boys, under the instruction of Miss Howard. Some of them wrote beautifully yesterday, on blackboards. One bright-eyed little fellow, a semi-mute, indited this:

"We hope that the ladies and gentlemen who have come to see this exhibition, will be repaid for their trouble. I think this is the youngest school for deaf mutes in America. There are now more than fifty other schools in the United States. There were about 30,000 deaf mutes by the census of 1880. We thank the State of New Jersey for giving us this school."

The chapel rang with applause when the little school was finished.

A boy of seven gave the natural signs for animals, and then there were exercises in arithmetic and in lip-reading, under the direction of Miss Ward. This young teacher has been very successful, and her class showed an astonishing degree of proficiency. Mr. Lloyd's class exhibited as much knowledge of geography and arithmetic as hearing pupils do in the public

schools. Before the benediction, which was pronounced by the Rev. Dominic Reuter, Theodore W. Morris, a trustee of the school, delivered a brief address. He complimented the teachers and the pupils, and gave praise to ex-Governor Ludlow, Comptroller Anderson and Marcus Beach, who constituting the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers, have done much toward making the school the great success it is. After the exercises the teachers and the officials and some invited guests partook of a collation in the refectory.

ROCHESTER INSTITUTION.

FIRST DIPLOMA CONFERRED

The closing exercises preceding the annual vacation at the western New York Institution for deaf-mutes took place yesterday. Upwards of 200 visitors, including the friends and parents of inmates, were present, and witnessed with deep interest the performances of all who took part in the programme.

The exercises were opened by the principal, Z. F. Westervelt, who reviewed the history of the institution from the date of its commencement, giving a special account of the work of the last year, and concluded by offering all the visitors a hearty welcome.

One of the principal features on the programme was an essay by Miss Rose H. Halpin, who was the recipient of the first diploma, conferred by the school. The subject of the essay was "George Eliot as a woman and as a writer."

After having read the essay Miss Halpin, who, though deaf, is quite an accomplished young lady, was presented her diploma as a graduate by ex-Mayor Clarkson, president of the board, who explained that after completing the regular term appointed for scholars in the institution, and on account of her excellence in scholarship, Miss Halpin had been appointed by the superintendent of public instruction, Hon. Neil Gilmore, to a three years' supplementary course, under the conditions of a legislative act providing for such a special appointment. As the young lady had finished the special term, and had creditably passed examinations in literature, mental and physical science and mathematics she was entitled to all the privileges that pertained to graduates of an academy. Mr. Clarkson took occasion at the same time to refer to the excellent condition of the institution. The principal, Mr. Westervelt, he said, had won the confidence of the trustees and all the friends of the institution, and he and his efficient corps of instructors had accomplished a work that would live after them in the hearts and lives of the children who had been under their care. The trustees were satisfied with the character of the work done, and were gratified that such an abundant success had crowned the labors of the officers and teachers. The exercises lasted from eleven to two o'clock.

In the afternoon the pupils and their parents and friends partook of luncheon, which was provided in one of the lower rooms of the building. During the remainder of the day there was a constant exodus of the children from the institution who had the privilege of accompanying their parents or friends to their homes to remain during the vacation, which will last two months.

The institution contains at present about 150 pupils, ranging in ages from six to twenty-two years, and the board of management has at the present applications for admission on behalf of the children. In no previous year since the institution was founded by its present principal, Mr. Westervelt, has a greater degree of success been attained in all the departments of instruction. The staff of teachers numbers 14. There is what is called the industrial department, in which four different branches of trades are taught, namely: Printing, carpentering, gardening and painting. Three or four boys have learnt the printing business and are about to earn their own living in situations procured for them in Buffalo, Syracuse, and Knoxville, Pa. In connection with the printing department the *Daily Paper for Our Little People* is published daily. It is used as a method of exercising the children on language, and contains a record of the circumstances, however trivial they may be, connected with the lives of scholars. The school instruction is given entirely by means of what is called the manual alphabet; the course consists of reading, writing and arithmetic.

With instruction in the kindergarten system and in academics. The bright and cheerful appearance of the children and the efficiency they displayed in the various subjects upon which they were examined gave all present the greatest satisfaction. Nothing was more interesting than the competency that was shown in the articulation exercises, one of the most prominent features of the school course. Mr. Westervelt deserves every congratulation for the prosperous condition in which the institution now is.

CLEVELAND.

We have no idea of preparing a picnic excursion to Detroit on the 4th of July, as reported to Detroit mutes.

Mr. Gilmore's son, who has been sick with diphtheria, is now in as good health as ever.

Two weeks ago, a pleasant social was held at Mr. Myers' residence. Among the visitors were Mr. J. Viets, G. Reading Weber and Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore. Mr. Myers' new building is finished, and is considered the largest and grandest of any married mutes in Ohio. Another party will be held there next fall, and a very enjoyable time is expected to take place.

Rev. A. W. Mann, of Cleveland, gave an interesting lecture on deaf-mutes, at the Episcopal Church, last evening.—*Cleveland Leader*.

Mr. Pelton is sporting a new suit of clothes, and now comes a rumor that he will be married to a beautiful girl in Ohio.

Mr. Carrol is still doing well as a job printer.

Frank Hored, a colored bootblack, eighteen years of age, is detained at the Central station on the charge of vagrancy. A card fastened to his hat conveyed the intelligence that the youth is deaf and dumb, besides being nearly blind.—*Cleveland Leader*.

Mr. John Viets, who used to work at night with Mr. Edwards in the *Leader* office, gave it up in order to get a better job on the City Directory. Lately he received intelligence from Chicago to the effect that he had been admitted to the Chicago Typographical Union. He will please accept the writer's congratulations. He says he is now thinking of going to Columbus next fall to try the *Daily Journal*.

WHERE ARE HIS FRIENDS?

Bertie Noble, a nine-year-old deaf and dumb boy, arrived at the Union depot at five o'clock yesterday afternoon from the State Institution for the Deaf and Dumb at Columbus. He had expected to meet friends on his arrival, but for some reason they were not at the depot. He was supplied with sleeping quarters last night at the central station, and an effort will be made to-day to discover the whereabouts of his friends.—*Cleveland Leader*.

Messrs Viets and Weber contemplate a visit to friends in Columbus on the Fourth of July.

JACOB.

6-20-'84.

Highland (O.) County Talkings.

The town of Hillsborough, known as "Hillsboro," is the capital of Highland County, and lies south of Ohio, about sixty miles from Cincinnati. It is situated on a hill and is very pleasant, and has about 4,000 souls. It has a fire department, city hall, public free reading room, court house and several others. The town is very quiet, though Saturday afternoon and evening you will see several hundreds of people chatting, walking and loafing, most of them being farmers. Your correspondent likes the place well, and he says he prefers to live in a quiet town.

James Caplinger has returned home in Russell, about ten miles from here, from Columbus, where he has been schooling since fall, for the vacation. He, I think, will do with a hay fork on the farm during the summer. He is such a good and smart boy.

The present address of Ed. J. Holycomb is Hillsboro, Ohio, in care of the Parker House.

The Saturday *Herald* of this town, lately reported an item, as follows:

"Joseph Cummings and his brother George (who is deaf and dumb) are paying their brother a visit, near Washington, C. H." I know George well. He has not been at school for nearly two years. We understand that he left the school with the limited term.

In a case of sleeplessness, induce muscular fatigue by walking, and refreshing sleep will follow.

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THE CONVENTION OF ARTICULATION TEACHERS.

The convention of articulation teachers is over. So far as numbers and enthusiasm and distinguished guests are concerned, it was a great success. Professor A. Graham Bell presided with a suavity of manner that was both courteous and bland; innumerable papers were read and applauded, but very slightly discussed; and evidences of proficiency in lip-reading and articulation were given by three pupils who had been instructed by the oral method, and their performances were received with *ecclat*. The pupils who thus demonstrated their ability were what is termed semi-mute—that is, they had been able to speak before the hearing was lost. Almost any institution for deaf-mutes in America can produce similar examples, and we think it would have been far more pertinent had specimens of the results obtained in unfavorable cases been shown, instead of those in whom the conditions were conducive to a high degree of success. We say this, because it was asserted that all, without exception, could be profitably taught by the oral method. But one of the distinguished educators maintained that only fifteen per cent of all deaf-mutes could be advantageously educated by that method. There are hundreds of others who agree with him, and who have, like him, formed their opinions after many years of careful research and experience. It is conceded that nearly every deaf-mute can be taught to utter simple words and sentences; but only in a small percentage of cases will the result justify the time and money and labor employed to obtain it. It may be argued that no amount of expenditure should be grudged, if it will confer upon any mute the faculty of speech. This might be so, were it not for the fact that the expenditure is not made by the teacher alone, but by the pupil also; for while the effort is being made to educate the tongue the mind is, to a very great extent, neglected. The result is, they can in many cases display a meagre facility to use spoken words, but their vocabulary and range of subject are alike limited. By education, the mere faculty of producing vocal sentences, however imperfectly, is not meant; but that which gives to the mind a knowledge which engenders the capacity for rational thought and judgment—that criterion which distinguishes the human being from the brute. In order to develop the mind, it would seem wise to make use of every available method. It would be unjust to the deaf and dumb to fit them to the Procrustean bed constructed by the pure oralists. The size is the standard for semi-mutes and most of the semi-deaf. They require little stretching and no lopping off. But the great majority of the deaf and dumb need the mind-expanding influence of the beautiful language of signs—the language which, to them, comes so easy and natural that its practice makes them forget that deafness is a misfortune, the medium through which they can enjoy and appreciate lectures and debates, and above all, the religious teachings which bring so much of hope and comfort to the life of man. Truly, the sign language is a great power, a great blessing to the deaf and dumb. By its aid, we were enabled to follow the proceedings of the late convention, while, here and there with folded hands we noted deaf persons who could neither understand the signs of an interpreter nor the rapid utterance of the speakers, sit dejectedly throughout the session, Tantalus-like thirsting for the flow of eloquence that was so near yet so impossible of attainment.

ITEMIZER.

The idea is to gather into this column items that relate to deaf-mutes personally, or to associations of deaf-mutes, or to institutions for the benefit of deaf-mutes. We hope our friends and readers will keep us supplied with items for this column. Mark items to be sent: *The Itemizer*.

There are twelve deaf-mutes living in Richmond, Va.

Frederick Craddock is a plowmaker, in Richmond, Va.

"Well done 'Harry Fielding,'" says "Woon, socket boy."

James Lane, of Portsmouth, was in Richmond, Va., last week.

It is reported that Mr. J. T. Tillinghast, of New Bedford, is quite ill.

Miss Anna Fuller is spending the summer with friends in Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Mr. Thomas Dreen was elected President of the Catholic Society of Philadelphia.

The father of Fred N. Cosigno, of Cape Vincent, N. Y., has gone to France to secure a legacy of \$5000.

Mr. Oscar Kinsman, of Providence, R. I., will start for Hartford, Conn., on July 31, and be back on July 6th.

Messrs. Waters, S. C. Puch, Heyman, McClelland and Basch made a very pleasant visit to the Highlands of Navesink last Sunday.

Geo. Abrams, of Birmingham, Ct., intends going to New York on the Fourth, on a trip to Central Park, Coney Island and other places.

Mrs. Hattie G. Wheeler returned home last week, having had a delightful long visit to her sister and many lovely long rides in Danbury, Ct.

The charming Miss Tugman, of Philadelphia, was seen at Coney Island last week with her beloved mother. She looked handsome in her new summer suit.

Mr. James S. Mescham, of Guildhall, Vt., is coming to make Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Bigelow a visit, and probably they will go to see O'Brien's Circus, on July 5th.

Chas. P. Foadick, formerly of the Kentucky Deaf-Mute, writes a northern friend that "he has not seen a fellow with his ears out of repair for six months" and is starting for a good sign talk.

Members of the late National Convention must enclose a two cent stamp when they write to the Secretary for a copy of the report of its proceedings, as many of them have forgotten to do so.

Fred Walker, of Norwich, was seen in Hartford in company with Wm. Sloan, of Montville, Conn. Mr. Sloan is reported engaged to a deaf-mute lady worth \$10,000, in her own right, and pays will come down handsomely at the nuptials.

The Clero Literary Association, of Philadelphia, has recently received a young colored man as a member. Our Philadelphia correspondent would like to hear, through the JOURNAL, whether or not any other deaf-mute society in the United States has any colored members.

A deaf-mute lady, calling herself Mrs. J. T. Robinson, called at the Reporter office in Woonsocket, R. I., recently. She was educated in Hartford and also at Columbus, Ohio. She belonged in Putnam, Conn. Her maiden name was Binton. She was in need of money, and got a sum.

Wm. A. Watts returned home in Coxsackie from his business trip to Troy, on Saturday. He made a short visit to Mr. Sherwood at his home in Albany. Mr. Sherwood is a prosperous cigar-maker and a graduate of the New York Deaf and Dumb Institution. He is a good fellow, and is beloved by all who know him. Mr. Watts hopes to see Rev. Dr. Gallaudet in Albany on the 20th of July.

Miss Alice T. Forbes, of South Framingham, Mass., having visited Mrs. Frank W. Bigelow at St. Johnsbury, Vt., for a few days, went home with Mr. Henry A. Porter, of the latter place, on the 20th inst., enjoyed a good time visiting the round Boston, went up step by step to the top of Bunker Hill, and also to see Bernum's circus on the 23d inst. They are going to be married some day in August. They have the best wishes of their friends.

RAILROAD RECORD FOR 1884.

VICTIM NO. 29.

STRUCK AND KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE.

Last evening at about seven o'clock an old man, probably seventy-five years of age, was struck by the locomotive of westward bound freight train at the crossing of the Chicago and Grand Trunk railroad on Smith Street, First Ward. It appears that the man, who, it was afterwards learned, was deaf and dumb, and nearly blind, was going across the track and did not hear or see the approaching train. He was struck by the pilot of the engine and was carried along for a distance of two rods by the wheels from the pilot into the side of the track. He was picked up and conveyed to the Thayer house, where after an examination it was found that his collar bone was broken and he had sustained fatal injuries about his head, and internally. He suffered great pain, and died within two hours after being injured. Immediately after his death coroner Bates commanded a jury who viewed the remains and adjourned without day.

The dead man, whose name it is learned is Benjamin W. Ball, is a bachelor, and lived at Lapeer. He is said to have been a man possessed of considerable means. As has been intimated he was a deaf-mute, and almost totally blind, so there appears to be little doubt as to the cause of the accident. It has been his custom in years to visit the Institution here at the close of the school year, and it was while on this regular vacation that he met his death. Relatives of the deceased from Midland and Lapeer arrived in the city at noon and assumed charges of the remains, which will probably be taken to Lapeer this evening for interment.

The news being telephoned to the Michigan Institution, Prof. T. L. Brown and Willis J. Hubbard, who had known the deceased for many years, repaired at once to the bedside of the dying man, and remained till he breathed his last. It may interest our readers to know that Mr. Ball was one of the early graduates of the American Asylum, and was a school-mate of Mr. Thomas Brown, of West Henniker, N. H., whose son, Prof. Brown sat by his side, and held his hand as he passed from earth.

Mr. Ball was a semi-mute, and a man of intelligence. He owned considerable property at Lapeer, Mich., which he had accumulated by his industry and good judgment in making investments. —Ed. JOURNAL.

The mutes of Boston will have a picnic, at Downer's Landing, on July 9th.

Miss Effie A. Hitchcock, of Flint, Mich., went on a visit to Grand Blanc, last week.

Mr. Packard, of Salem, and Mr. E. W. Frisbee changed pulpits Sunday before last.

W. A. Watts, of Coxsackie, N. Y., wants to know the whereabouts of George W. Gray.

Louis W. Riger, of New Haven, Ct., will spend the Fourth in New York City and Brooklyn.

Charles H. Cooper and family, of Watertown, N. Y., will summer at Thousand Isle Park.

The Farmington, N. H., News pays a tribute to the skill, as a carpenter, of J. E. Livingstone.

The many friends of Miss Effie Parker, of Erie City, Pa., will be glad to hear she will attend the Picnic at Wilkesburg, Pa., on the Fourth.

The invincible "Defender" will probably attend the Annual Picnic of the Western Pennsylvania Deaf-Mute Association on the Fourth.

Jacob Staffinger was the guest of George Peel, of Albany, N. Y., last week. Mr. Peel has a cousin who is a deaf-mute. Her name is Katie Bins.

Roger McGrath, of the Central New York Institution for Deaf-Mutes, has gone to Medina to spend the summer vacation. —Rome Sentinel, June 24.

F. B. Roberts left his place in East Boston four weeks ago. He will go to New Castle, N. H., after the Fourth of July, and remain there until October.

J. H. McMechen was obliged to quit work at Syracuse, N. Y., by a very severe attack of neuralgia. He was employed as second laborer in a shoe factory there.

Messrs. Duran, Roberts, Wood, Carter, Jellison and Nicholas, went to the City Point, South Boston, last week, and picked clams. Duran cooked them for the party.

Alex L. Paoli attended the Commencement exercises of Wesleyan College on Monday and Tuesday of this week. He went to Ocean Grove for the summer on the 30th ult.

Bob Ward has returned from West Newton, Pa., where where he reports having had a sports time. He says he expects to picnic at McKee's Grove, Wilkesburg, Pa., on the glorious 4th.

The sister of Carrie Bischof, Mrs. Fannie Kahn, and daughter Ida, of Crawfordville, Ind., are visiting their mother at Terre Haute, Ind. Carrie Bischof will visit her relatives at Paris, Ill., soon.

Messrs. Joe Lawlor, of Randolph, Chas. Lettis, John Bell Mack and July F. Lang, all of Lynn, Mass., will not attend the Catholic Literary Union's picnic as they expected, on account of no foot races to be held next August.

Alfred E. Reed, of Xenia, O., father of one of the pupils of the Ohio Institution, was found drowned last week. It is thought that he committed suicide, as a heavy stone was tied to his neck with his suspenders.

While in Bridgeport, Ct., Mrs. Frank Roberts was invited by Mr. and Mrs. Beers to take a ride through the country, which contains many beautiful and costly monuments, and around Blackrock, a summer resort. She enjoyed her short visit, and liked her ride very much.

While going up to Catskill on the steamer "Catskill," Messrs. J. W. Clontz, W. L. Bingham and J. C. Miller called the captain to give three cheers to the class of '84, whereupon he gave six cheers by whistling. They went to the Catskill mountains and had a glorious time there.

It was reported that Mr. Sorg, of Philadelphia, has gone insane, and has been sent to the Norristown Asylum. He was taken there after he returned home from St. Louis. His father sent word to the 5th District Police Station, and three policemen were sent to take him. Mr. Sorg was a very strong man.

The brother of Frank J. Whittle, of Moosic Falls, N. Y., a graduate of the New York Institution, was married to Miss Gertrude N. Scagel on the 12th of last April. Mrs. Whittle had a birthday party on June 19th, at which Frank J. Whittle and C. Z. Millman were present.

James Campbell, a pupil of the Western Pennsylvania Institute, returned home to Irwin, Pa., last Thursday, where he has been attending school during the whole year, and where he is spending his vacation among his youthful friends. It is definitely understood that he will not return until the first Wednesday of October, when the New Institution building in Edgewood will be open for the reception of pupils.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Wright, of Lowell, Mass., on June 18th, the marriage of Mr. Samuel Wadman and Miss Nellie E. Barrett was solemnized by Rev. Smith. About thirty-two relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. Miss Clara Wright interpreted the services into signs. There were many valuable wedding presents. Misses Nellie Lafferty presented a glass set; Ida Marshall, a toilet set; Martha French, a glass fruit dish; Susie Wardman, silver spoons; Lizzie Emerson, glass set of berry dishes; Mary Lackie, celery vase; Amelia Richardson, of Winchester, a small vase; Belle Flagg, a flower vase; Mr. and Mrs. Hobart, a handsome rocking chair; Mrs. Wise, a glass barrel of cologne, with small cups; Mr. H. Mayberry, a nice vase; John McCarthy and Geo. Tripp, two statuettes; J. W. Soper and E. E. Eastbrook, silver knives and forks; Wm. Lynde, a sauce boat; Frank Roberts, a nice china cuspidor; Frank W. Wood, a nice album, and Albert G. Hargrave, a holy Bible. Everybody was merry at the wedding supper. After the supper, Mr. and Mrs. Wadman went away on a tour of two weeks. They have our earnest congratulations.

Advice to an Erring Deaf-Mute.

Patrick Drennan, a deaf-mute, 25 years old, was found drunk in Christopher street. A policeman took him to the Charles Street Police Station, and yesterday morning arraigned him before Justice O'Reilly, at the Jefferson Market Police Court. The magistrate endeavored to interrogate the prisoner, but without effect. A slip of paper was handed Drennan, and on it he wrote: "I live at No. 87 Christopher street. I am a cracker packer."

The Judge wrote on the paper: "How did you get drunk?" "I got two glasses of beer, and can not help it."

"Don't do it again," wrote the magistrate, and Drennan bowed his thanks and walked out of court. —New York Times, July 2.

NOTICE.

Rev. Mr. Colt will hold a service (D. V.) in the sign language, in Grace Church, N. W. corner Erie and Second sts., Jersey City, on Sunday, July 6th, at 4:30 p.m.

BALTIMORE.

Birthday Supper.

OUR FISHING PARTY.

(From our Baltimore Correspondent.)

There was a grand supper given to the deaf-mutes at Mr. Louis Kamppe's residence. The mutes were kindly entertained by his parents. The party was in honor of his birthday. He reached his majority on Sunday evening, the 15th ult.

At six o'clock, when the bell rang for supper, and the gentlemen and ladies went into the dining room, where two long tables were filled with cold meats, pickles, biscuits, sugar and rye bread, preserves, coffee, tea, etc. After grace by Mr. Jas. Wells, our lay reader, all partook heartily of the genial repast. After supper, they entered the parlor, where they enjoyed themselves in pleasant conversation. The gentlemen had the pleasure of witnessing two rat setters climb up and down a ladder and afterwards vanquish a rat.

When it became dark, they again entered the parlor, and entertained the ladies. Before leaving, refreshments were served, consisting of lemonade, cake, oranges, apples, grapes, bananas and candies. All voted the party a great success.

We were most successful in our arrangements for a fishing party, as the gentlemen of the Baltimore Deaf-Mute Association with young ladies, took a morning train to Relay, nine miles distant from this city, on Wednesday, June 18th. They arrived there, and spent a part of the day in fishing amid the beautiful scenery of a shady grove. Several gudgeons and an eel were caught by Messrs. James Mooney, John A. Brandlich and Miss Sadie Arnold, who, when pulling in the eel, thought it was a large snake.

While they were fishing, the rest of the deaf-mutes were scattered about on the grassy hills, some busy arranging their lunches, and others at the Relay junction waiting for the deaf-mutes who were expected by the noon train. The writer, with his brother Frank, instead of Miss Ella E. Perego, who was unable to go, on account of being too busy, and Messrs. McElroy and Ramsay arrived there at 12:34 p.m. They met Principal C. W. Ely, Prof. C. M. Grow at the B. & O. R. R. depot, at 10:20 a.m., on their way home from Frederick City.

Among those present, were Messrs. Wm. Elroy, Jos. H. Linton and Jas. Mooney. Reed, Achey, Henderson, and Driscoll joined our fishing party.

Messrs. Buxton and Pamton, formerly of Baltimore, paid a visit to Relay from their new home in Laurel, Md., and enjoyed the day with our fishing party. In the evening, Messrs. Jas. H. Gill and Thos. Sprague arrived. The former received several bruises on his body by a swimming accident. When he jumped into the creek he struck against a rock. After a rest on the grass, he recovered.

Vice-President McElroy made an amusing speech.

President Mooney made a funny speech on the condition of our association.

At 7:30 p.m., they all went up to the Relay Junction and left for Baltimore, except Mr. Jas. H. Gill, Miss II. Wicks, Mr. Adolph Knoechel and Miss Sallie Gourley. They were waiting for Mr. Jas. O. Amoss, of the United States Government Book Bindery, but did not meet him.

Mr. Alexander Middleton, of Scotland, a stone cutter by trade, dropped into this city and visited Grace Church, on Sunday, the 15th ult.

Mr. Charles J. Perego paid a visit to Waverly, where his friend, Mr. Jos. H. Linton has a photograph gallery tent.

Messrs. Wm. McElroy and Thomas Sprague enjoyed a "jumbo" time in taking a dog cart ride to Mr. McGowan's pavilion, Lower Canton, on Sunday, June 15th.

Mr. H. J. Gill went with his mother to the Blue Ridge Mountains, for the benefit of the latter's health, on Monday.

Mr. C. J. Perego expects he will go away to the country for two weeks, soon. No more news until next time.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

June 24, '84.

FROM IOWA.

DEAF-MUTE ITEMS, ETC.

The deaf and dumb schools at Council Bluffs, Ia., and Jacksonville, Ill., closed on the 12th of June. The mute children have come home. Several have come to Keokuk. Others in Illinois passed through here to their home in Illinois where there are no railroads to convey them direct to their homes.

Masters Peter Bruegger and Henry Schrader went to Nauvoo, Ill., the old stronghold of the Mormons.

Miss Lizzie Fuller, Masters Charlie Summer and Patrick O'Brien are at home once more in Keokuk, among their relatives and friends. All are so glad to see them again. They will spend a pleasant vacation. A picnic will soon be on the tapis for them, and their friends will make it as enjoyable for them as possible. The resident mutes and some from the neighborhood will probably be with them, and have a pleasant time.

Prof. McDermid, one of the teachers at Council Bluffs, accompanied the mute children to Keokuk, where he and his estimable lady remained on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Summers for a week.

They called on the relatives of the other mutes, and seemed to enjoy their society very much. Mrs. McDermid is herself a mute, being educated at the Ontario Institution, at Belleville, Canada, while her husband can hear and talk. It reminded us of Mrs. Peet, Mrs. Searing, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Gallaudet, and others who have hearing husbands.

At one of our Sunday Schools, at the St. John Episcopal Church, Mrs. McDermid repeated the beautiful hymn, "Nearer, my God, to thee," in graceful pantomimic signs that held the whole audience spell bound until the close. Prof. McDermid interpreted it for the benefit of the hearing children present. He also interpreted the sermon of Rev. McVaine for the benefit of the deaf-mutes present. We enjoyed it very much, for we had not had the pleasure of seeing a hymn and a sermon repeated for our benefit for a long time. Prof. and Mrs. McDermid have our thanks for their services.

On their visit to Hon. H. W. Rother's, we had a very enjoyable time. Ice cream, cake and lemonade, were served to the company. Mrs. McDermid was requested to repeat the same hymn to the company, and Prof. McDermid interpreted it for the benefit of the hearing people present. Little Waldo H. Rother then repeated the story of the boy stealing apples, and how the old man got him down from the tree.

Prof. and Mrs. McDermid departed for Chicago, where they will remain until the opening of the next term of school in September. Any of the Chicago mutes can find them near the Lincoln Park on Lake Michigan, at the residence of one of Prof. McDermid's relatives.

On Decoration Day, May 30th, we had a grand time here. People from the surrounding country and other towns in Iowa, Illinois and Missouri, poured into the city. A great crowd assembled in the National Cemetery to see and hear the ceremonies and the decoration of the graves of the brave soldiers who fought for the preservation of our country in time of peril. Several mutes were present, including Miss Laura Anderson, of Warsaw, Ill., and one from Winchester, Mo.

Hon. H. W. Rother, father of little Waldo, has been nominated for Register of the United States Land Office, at Cheyenne, Wyoming, by President Arthur. The United States Senate has confirmed the appointment. Mr. R. will soon leave Keokuk to take up his residence out West. For more than twenty years, Mr. R. has resided in and been identified with Keokuk. He has held various offices of trust, such as Mayor of the city twice; State Senator for several terms; was elected President of the State Senate twice, and became Lieutenant-Governor of Iowa. He has held various offices in the Masonic Society, and is President of one of their Associations. He has held the Supreme office of State Commandery of Iowa for the Knights Templars. He went with the Iowa Knights, as commander, to the great convocation of the Knights Templars of California, at San Francisco, over a year ago. He has been faithful to all the trusts confided in him. Now, being appointed Register of the land office at a salary of \$4,000 a year, there is no doubt that he will fill the position with credit to himself and his friends. He was an Arthur man at the National Convention at Chicago, but is heartily for Blaine and Logan.

Little Waldo will accompany him and family to Cheyenne. Many friends will regret the departure of Mr. R. and family, who have known him so long and so well. The republicans of Lee County, Ia., will lose an able leader and organizer. He has been a pillar of strength to the Masonic and Templar Orders, of Iowa, which they may lose by his removal from their midst.

Mr. Russell Smith, of Des Moines, Ia., who is a typo in the Iowa State Register office, is putting forth strenuous efforts to start a paper for the Western deaf-mutes—probably on the Free Trade basis. Probably it will be partly for the benefit of the hearing class, and partly for the mutes. It will discuss all questions of interest in regard to mutes, as well as politics, and will be a lively paper for the mutes. Deaf-mutes of this free country have political rights, though they cannot hold many of the public offices. But it remains to be seen whether such a paper is really needed, and whether it will succeed under proper management. If Mr. S. receives sufficient encouragement, he will unfurl his banner and sail upon the great sea of uncertainties of a newspaper publisher.

The Columbus correspondent says he took the trouble to hunt up the two deaf-mute Indian girls among the two hundred or more girls at school, and not being able to find them, put it down as a *big lie*, as big as the Indian himself. We will enlighten him now. We misunderstood the Indian Chief. His girls Mary and Retta Revels were in a private school at Xenia, O. They are now on their way to meet him at St. Louis, Mo. He goes down the great Mississippi River, in his own boat that he has finished here. His destination is New Orleans, La. From there he will take his girls to the Indian Nation. Next fall they will teach the Indian deaf-mutes in the new school, at Okmulgee, Indiana Territory, under the charge of the Chief Round Tree. We have seen the photographs of the girls, and that of their mother and other relatives. The Indian himself can talk so well on his fingers, and from what he says, we have no doubt but that he is truthful. He will be

back here next fall, to build another boat to go down the river. He is an Indian doctor, and has treated several patients here.

In Des Moines, Iowa, some mutes were on the Street car, just as it was crossing the great bridge across the Des Moines River, they saw a man hand a five dollar bill to the conductor to change, as it was passing from hand to hand, a naughty puff of wind caught it, and blew it out into the river below. You can imagine his chagrin. That was enough, he did not pay the conductor. On one Sunday another mute saw a lady's fine hat fly from her head, by a puff of wind, and go over the same bridge into the water below, where it sailed away towards the Gulf of Mexico, via the Des Moines and Mississippi Rivers. The latter river has had several names before the present one was applied to it, as follows: Mech-Sebe, Mische-Sipe Mich-Sipi, Missipi and Mississippi.

COL DEMOINE.
June 25, '84.
St. Ann's Deaf-Mute Bible Class Building Fund for the Home for Aged and Infirm Deaf-Mutes.
BULLETIN No. 14.
June 2, Mrs. Mary Totten, \$12.00
" 8, Miss Mary Farahill, 9.05
" 8, Miss Gussie Sondberg, 2.00
" 11, Charles Bryan, 5.30
" 18, S. W. McClelland, 2.00
" 18, Mrs. Samuel Haight, 20.70
" 22, Mr. Spencer, through Miss Farahill, 50
" 28, W. G. Pownall, 4.00
The fund now amounts to \$770.
CLEMENT K. THOMPSON,
22 E. 21 St.
Sec'y and Treasurer, St. Ann's D. M. Bible Class Building Fund.

Rev. Mr. Mann's Appointments.

REVS. GALLAUDET AND MANN.

July 5.—Chicago. Picnic and Reunion.

" 6.—Chicago, 10:30 a.m.
" 6.—Chicago, 2:45 p.m.
" 6.—Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
" 7.—Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
" 9.—Fairbault, Cathedral, 7:30 p.m.

" 10.—Fairbault, Good Shepherd, 7:30 p.m.
" 11.—Minneapolis, St. Marks, 7:30 p.m.
" 13.—St. Paul, 10:30 a.m.
" 13.—Minneapolis, Gethsemane, 3:00 p.m.
" 13.—Minneapolis, Gethsemane, 7:30 p.m. Combined service.
" 14.—St. Paul, Christ, 7:30 p.m.
" 15.—Winona, Minn., 7:30 p.m.
" 19.—Logansport, Ind.
" 20.—Logansport, Ind.

Our School System.

The legislature of New York has under consideration a bill authorizing the appointment of a Commission to examine into the common school systems of that and other States and countries, their report to be made to the Legislature next January. Commenting on this subject the New York Observer of May 29th, says:

There is work enough for such a Commission, and it is hoped that their investigations will result in some substantial reforms in our coming schools. Except in the large villages and towns, where graded schools with improved systems of instruction exist, our common public schools are sadly defective. The wages of teachers have been reduced to a pitiable degree, driving out of the ranks all who are best qualified for such important positions. The average wages of teachers in our country schools are not above three dollars per week in summer and four in winter. The teachers are largely drawn from a class of boys and girls in their teens, whose qualifications are often of the poorest kind and whose conceptions of the art of teaching are mainly derived from their own experience as pupils in the same schools. There is no system or unity or method in this course of instruction. Teachers are changed nearly every term, and their methods are as various as their names. Everything from beginning to end is carried on according to a policy which seems to look upon the public school as something that must be suffered to exist only from sheer necessity.

The cheapest teachers, the poorest buildings, the fewest facilities for work, is the general rule. If the pupils attending these schools attain any marked degree of sound and useful knowledge it is generally in spite of the teaching and not because of it. The natural consequence of such a cheap, loose, hap-hazard system of instruction is to discourage and confuse the mind of the young, extinguish all ambition for a higher knowledge, and leave them at last with the merest smattering of ideas, and a good part of those erroneous.

One of the first remedies for this state of things is to raise the standard of qualifications for teachers. Under the present system the country is flooded with applicants clamoring for positions, underbidding each other and keeping wages down. Let the age of applicants for certificates be advanced from sixteen years to eighteen or twenty, and the examinations be more strict and difficult. This would tend to reduce the supply of teachers somewhat nearer to the demand, and the question of wages would then adjust itself. The responsible office of school commissioner should be removed from political influence, or managed in such a way that it may be filled by one who is really interested in the subject of education and is more desirous of improving the schools than of gaining favor to secure a re-nomination.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The Suez Canal earned during last year \$13,000,000.

The Theatre Royal, of Edinburgh, Scotland, was burned on Monday last.

By a boiler explosion in Stryker, O., eleven persons were fatally injured.

A woman in Portland, Me., became crazy from taking care of an insane husband.

The late republican candidate for governor of Louisiana

COLUMBUS.

A Farewell Gift

NUMEROUS ITEMS.

(From our Columbus Correspondent.)

A notable event took place in the chapel on Tuesday morning. After the pupils, teachers and officers were assembled there, Superintendent Pratt said as one of the teachers was about to sever forever his connection with this Institution, he would wish him to occupy the platform if he was pleased to have anything to say. When now the tall manly form of Prof. Raffington, who, upon ascending the stage, began his remarks by referring to a time he first entered this school as a pupil, his subsequent appointment to the position of teacher by the late lamented Rev. Mr. Stone, his conscientious work, the interest he felt in his scholars, and the success of the whole school, the pleasant relations maintained through his whole career with every one of his acquaintance and friendship, and of later years the change in the condition of his health, which had been gradually undermined, though bravely fighting and hoping for improvement, until this year he was compelled to relinquish entirely his loved task. He goes hence, he said, with little expectation or hope of ever meeting us again except in the better world, and would now bid us each and all, farewell and God bless you.

The object of calling Mr. Raffington to the platform had a deeper purpose than was apparent to him, and which he himself never for a moment suspected or dreamed what was to follow.

Superintendent Pratt then responded in behalf of himself, the teachers and the officers.

"MR. RAFFINGTON:—You have rightly said that in the 23 years you have been in this Institution, you have had many friends. Not one word have I ever heard spoken against your fair name, and in behalf of all I wish to say that it is hard for us to part with you."

"Personally I wish to express my appreciation your services."

"During the week, and upon the Sabbath, you have been found in your place in chapel, and although sometimes working beyond your strength your place in the school-room has been regularly and promptly filled."

"We shall miss you in all the entertainments arranged for the amusement of the children."

"We shall miss the influence of your quiet, manly life."

"It may seem strange to you after what I have said when I tell you that, although we have such strong feelings of attachment for you, it is our purpose to chain you."

"Accept now from many friends this gold chain. Wear it as long as you live, and as you see it day by day, may it recall pleasant memories, and may you live over again in thought many incidents in connection with your life here."

"We wish you a pleasant journey, and a life of happiness and success. The Lord bless you and keep you."

The surprise was a most complete one, and affected him visibly, for he could only manage to say, "thank you."

Messrs. Patterson and Crandon availed themselves of a cheap excursion to Springfield, O., last week. The weather proved too hot for a rich enjoyment.

Columbus got on top of Brooklyn here in a game of baseball, by a score of 13 to 1, last Saturday afternoon.

Messrs. McKeever and Crandon and Misses Mollie Dandon and Emilie Burrell helped swell the crowd of attendance at the show Saturday evening.

The Scott Liquor Tax Law still holds good, the Supreme Court having only punched a hole where the spot was decided to be unconstitutional.

Mrs. Barnhisel, of Youngstown, O., has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of that place recently. And Mr. Kleinhaus has been laying hold of the plow, never looking back, until the mill resumed work, then he left and went back.

A strange yet not uninteresting feature that appears but once a year, and lasting three months, is the great hollowness or emptiness of the Institution, save the few ruling spirits and their votaries that remain to keep up the signs of life within and around the place.

Superintendent Pratt left here Tuesday noon, the 24th ult., on a trip to the East, intending to make the longest stop in Connecticut, the State in which he was born and reared, and then in Massachusetts, returning in time to go and attend the Conference of Superintendents and Principals of the Deaf and Dumb at Fairbank, Minn., being authorized to do so by the Board of Trustees.

F. C. Sessions, Esq., has given up his proposed travel in Egypt this year. He was taking a walk through the Institution grounds last Wednesday morning, viewing the changes and improvements made since he withdrew from the trusteeship. The front lawn embellishments, he says, look very nice.

Mrs. Williams, the wife of our steward, has gone to Portsmouth, O., for a visit of three weeks.

The new laundry is under roof. The teamsters who hauled the bricks have not been careful, hence the posting of notice upon the trees near by, which reads: "\$5 fine for injuring the trees."

A number of boys, both graduates and pupils, perhaps four in all, lingered behind several days, hoping for and seeking employment in the city, but meeting with disappointment left on Monday week for home.

The Institution fire department is also closed for the vacation, not so much apprehension or fear in case of a conflagration, since the few here now can be depended upon as smart enough to look out for themselves.

R. P. McGregor was still in the city

last week. The other day we chanced to tumble upon him at the carpenter shop of the Institution, with his shirt sleeves rolled up, and plane in hand. He was making door and window screen frames for his friend Mr. Patterson.

A determined effort to break up baseball playing on the Sabbath, began last week Sunday, by the serving of warrants and arrest of the players of both the clubs, the Brooklyn and Columbus. On account of the inability of the constables to tell which were their names, and the refusal of the Managers to point them out, the law officers were obliged to wait until the game was finished, and then the players were given up. Nothing is likely to come of it. But the directors of the home club have been arrested, and will be prosecuted before the State law.

Mr. Emory Shoop, of Delaware, was in the city Tuesday, it was rumored, as a delegate to the Democratic State Convention, and if it were true, no better man of his Aldermanic proportions could have been selected.

The 46th Anniversary of Mr. William Gibson's birthday was remembered and honored on Thursday night a week ago, by gathering of twenty-two mutes at his residence, No. 115 East Rich Street, who brought tokens of their good will, and best wishes, and everything passed off in the pleasantest manner.

The deaf-mute force at the Institution book bindery is larger this summer. Their names are as follows: Misses Dandon, Ryn, Murphy, Derriek, Heyl, Nestler, Moore, Jones, Fowles (colored), Ek, Leonard and Elsey, and Messrs. Greeter, King, Lynn, Rankin, Pier, and Bolton. We too, would like to get in there if we understood the art.

Mr. Frank Flenniken has not been disturbed in his place, and is not likely to be, notwithstanding the newspaper reports to the contrary.

Miss Mamie R. Rose is just now visiting in Waldo, Marion Co., Ohio, with Mrs. J. F. Brundige, nee Miss Hyde.

Mr. J. C. Pier, reaching the fifty-first year last week Tuesday was surprised in the evening by his friends to the number of eighteen mutes, at No. 21 Marion Street, who managed to make the occasion a happy one, serving ice-cream, cakes, strawberries and lemonade, which will not be soon forgotten.

The Brooklyn boys have been downed here in three straight games by the Columbus club at Recreation Park, viz: 13 to 1, 8 against 2 and 8 to 4. We were present by Dandon's courtesy at the last one, and witnessed some sharp playing.

Mr. Lewis Flenniken put in an appearance on the Institution grounds last week, and was the centre of attraction for the while.

Mr. Wood, principal of the Cincinnati Deaf-Mute Day School was seen in Wayne County, Ohio, recently, and had Colorado on his mind for a summer resort.

Fifteen mutes formed a group at the corner of the boys' wing of the Institution on Sunday evening last week.

General Finley, elected permanent Chairman of the Democratic State Convention held here last Wednesday, in his address, touched upon our Institution, as follows:

"The State benevolent institutions have been put under Democratic boards without radical reorganization; changes in officers and employees have been made only where the best interests of the institutions were promoted thereby."

Mr. Grigsby played hostler at Prof. Stewart's while the master was away.

We met Mr. Odobrecht on the Street the other day. He says he will go to New York City in the course of the vacation.

Miss Mary C. Bogle has been spending the week at Mr. McGregor's.

Mr. Holycross is "rusticating" in Hillsboro, O., for the summer. But he works in the printing office there, which pays expenses and leaves him something besides.

Hauling boards up into the girls' dormitories, was what attracted our attention one morning last week. They are putting down new floors, the old worn ones being badly uneven and very unseemly.

Culp, one of our commencement orators, on his return from Fostoria, O., whether he had been on a short visit, stopped over night at the Institution last week, and then resumed his way homebound to Lancaster.

Only two pupils—a small boy and a little girl—yet remain at the Institution.

Mr. P. P. Pratt, after disposing of the pupils under his charge on the Pittsburgh route, visited the mute school at Turtle Creek, where he was very kindly received by Principal MacIntire, and urged to remain until Commencement Day, which invitation Mr. P. regretted his inability to accept.

George Gompf, one of our June graduates, has been to Portersville, O., making a pleasant call on the McCarthy girls. He went home last Saturday noon by way of Columbus.

This year the Institution employs a larger force of mutes than she ever did during the vacation. They put in more faithful, efficient and speedy work. Among them we observe Mr. Shepherd of this city.

Mr. William Williams, of Camden, O., proposes to avail himself of an excursion to Dayton, to celebrate the Fourth of July there among his mute friends.

The Cincinnati Enquirer, of June 27th, has the following dispatch in reference to a light-fingered mute:

"HAGERSTOWN, Ind., June 26.—A deaf and dumb man of about thirty

years of age, giving his name as John Hackleman stole a coat and a pair of pants from McCown's store this afternoon. He was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Hawkins, who recognized him, to appear at the September term of Court. He represented he was from Indianapolis, and was on his way to Milton to attend a meeting of the mutes to be held there this week."

We had the pleasure of quite a call from our old friend Mr. George E. Fischer, perhaps better known under the nom de plume of "Rambler," who rambled into Columbus the other day, while out on a health ramble. With him we enjoyed a ramble among our New England friends without the cost and bother of a railroad ticket.

We have met Charles Swift, a pupil of the Institution, at Recreation Park, who says he is working in the brick yard this vacation.

Rev. Benjamin Talbot, whose son has graduated from the High School in this city, will send him to college in the fall.

Dr. Washington Gladden called on Mr. and Mrs. Atwood at their residence on Oak Street last Friday evening.

The Columbus club has served the Alleghenies in the same way they did the Brooklyn, at the close of last week, beating them in three straight games by the following scores, 6 to 3, 4 against 1 and 4 to 3. Dundon played in the second game, it being his first appearance on the Diamond grounds at Recreation Park since May 30th.

NUMBER NINETY-FIVE.

Organization of "The Virginia Deaf-Mute Association."

On the 29th of April, 1884, seventy-five postal cards, inviting a like number of ex-pupils of the deaf-mute department to attend the Annual Commencement of the Virginia Institution, and also setting forth the purpose of the organization of some kind of an association among the deaf of the State, were mailed. In reply to those cards, forty-seven letters were received with the assurance that if time and expense allowed, the writers would attend. Of this number twenty-six made their presence at the Old Virginia Institution on the 10th of June. Though it be a small number, it is the greatest number of ex-pupils that has been, at one time, in the city of Staunton. They were, indeed, a fine-looking crowd of young ladies and gentlemen, exhibiting every mark of well-training. Some outsiders expressed themselves as astonished that deaf-mutes could make such ladies and gentlemen. Capt. Charles S. Roller, the Principal of the Institution, desirous to show his appreciation of the visit, invited them all to dine with him on Wednesday, the 11th of June. A special table was accordingly provided for them. In return, immediately after dinner, the mutes voted Capt. Roller a "vote of thanks" for his kindness shown them. At three o'clock, the ex-pupils proceeded to the Institution chapel hall, where a meeting was called to order by Mr. J. W. Michaels.

Rev. Job Turner was asked to and kindly offered prayer. Mr. Michaels then rose and explained in pantomime the object of the meeting, giving as its chief object the foundation of the "Virginia Deaf-Mute Association, to promote the deaf of the State socially, industrially and intellectually. He then requested the gathering to elect a President; Vice-President; Secretary and Treasurer, and also an Executive Committee.

The following is the result: Rev. Job Turner, President; Mr. T. J. Williams, Vice-President; Mr. J. W. Michaels, Secretary and Treasurer. Rev. Job Turner delivered the following appropriate speech on accepting the Presidency of the first deaf-mute association ever formed in Virginia:

"KIND FRIENDS:—I say friends, for I feel from my heart of hearts that I am indeed among my friends. I thank you most heartily for the honor you have bestowed upon me at this time. I esteem it to be an honor indeed to be called to preside over the first meeting of the first society of deaf-mutes formed in the grand old Commonwealth of Virginia."

I accept this honor with an humble consciousness of the fact that I was the only surviving pioneer of forty-five years ago, when organized education in the Old Dominion commenced. This is my fortune. And I trust that I may long deserve your confidence and esteem, no matter what may be my position in this organization. We have met here for the purpose of organizing ourselves into a society for mutual and social intercourse; to promote reunions of friends banded together by common bonds of sympathy. We have no rivalries. We have no factions. We are simply and purely friends in the fullest comprehension of the word. Our little offices are of honor, not ennoblement, and as such and every one cannot preside, a common interest will and ought to be so ennobled, so that Christian courtesy of a most refined type will mark the deliberations of our Society—a Society which I hope will always be useful as a means of bringing together friends who intend to be friends and to remain friends."

Again thanking you, I throw myself upon your indulgence, and ask that you will sustain me in every endeavor I shall make for the good of the Society. Kindly uphold my hands, and charitably consider my faults—"there is none perfect; no, not one."

Sundry business was then attended to. It was requested by the Secretary that members of the Association subscribe for the JOURNAL, it being a paper entirely devoted to deaf-mutes.

The Association voted Miss Mary V. Bell, of Lynchburg, Va., as the handsomest lady present. Miss Macaca Harvey, of Danville, Va., was voted the most charming and entertaining young lady present. Mr. J. D. Ambroselli, of Charlottesville, Va., was voted as the best looking young man present.

The meeting then adjourned to meet some time next year—the place and date to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

BILL RYE.

ST. LOUIS.

Rev. Frank Read's First Lecture and Service.

REV. A. W. MANN'S USUAL CHURCH WORK.

Big Budget of Odds and Ends.

(From our St. Louis Correspondent.)

The public at large is respectfully informed our four weeks' absence from the JOURNAL columns is due to a fit of chronic laziness, for which we can offer no reasonable excuse, unless the hot weather dodge will pass muster.

Rev. Frank Read long contemplated a visit to our wide-awake town, having been assured by the mutes who knew him of a cordial reception from our silent community. He arrived in town last Saturday, being, during his brief stay, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Guss.

Saturday evening, by previous invitation, of the deaf-mute club, he delivered a lecture at the club room, on the "Social Status of the Deaf and Dumb." Mr. Read handled his subject with consummate skill, making a number of timely hits that kept the audience pleased and interested from first to last. At the conclusion of the lecture, President Guss moved a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Read for the evening's entertainment, which was unanimously carried. Afterwards, Mr. Read told the mutes that he would be willing to hold services in the city during the summer as often as possible, providing St. Louis mutes would raise as much towards defraying expenses as their Kansas City brethren; in less than half an hour eighteen dollars were raised, going Kansas three dollars better, with a good prospect of going far above that sum ere long. Don't talk about St. Louis mutes being indifferent in religious enterprises. It only needs the right kind of a parson to get our mutes into the fold, we think.

Thanks to the zealous efforts of a couple of the boys, the Young Men's Christian Association hall was secured for Rev. Mr. Read's first church service, Sunday, June 15th, at three o'clock in the afternoon, when there were fully fifty deaf-mutes in attendance, notwithstanding ominous signs of a storm without, which probably deterred the number of the audience reaching the hundred mark. We are pleased to say that never before in our career did we see the young gents turn out in such numbers to attend church service; the fair ones did not stand a show, being outnumbered four or five to one this time. Mr. Read's sermon (we don't know the text, through our view being obstructed by a huge specimen of feminine head gear) was as interesting as his lecture, and many of the "very-seldom-seen-at-church" young gents announced their intention to be on hand when he comes here again. In parting, Mr. Read was very deeply affected by the hearty reception he received, and said he should remember it for a long time to come.

Rev. A. W. Mann held forth at St. Peter's Church, Sunday morning, June 22d, to a good sized gathering, the service being a combined one, the reverend gentleman being assisted in an able manner by the pastor of the church, who has taken great interest in our silent community. In the afternoon, Mr. Mann (as of yore) gave a short but entertaining service at Christ's Church, his usual place for church service. The attendance was tolerable in all respects. We understand that Mr. Mann's labors have been so successful that a class of mutes will be confirmed in the near future. Whatever success he may gain, is not more worthily deserved by any minister, for he is one of the hardest workers in the deaf-mute field to be found.

The Deaf-Mute School, presided over by Prof. D. A. Simpson, assisted by two able teachers in the persons of Miss Emma Macy and Mrs. Simpson, quietly closed its school term, June 12th, without anything happening to mar the even tenor of the school during the session just closed. There have been no graduates this term, but we believe there will be a few next term. The labors of the teachers have been by no means light, and another teacher or two should be added next session.

The St. Louis delegation of deaf-mutes attending the Missouri Deaf and Dumb Institution at Fulton, came home on the evening of June 11th, in charge of Prof. Wm. Marshall. They were met at the depot by a numerous delegation of fond uncles, cousins and aunts; also a good many deaf-mutes anxious to see their old friends at the depot. We perceived Sammy Perl-mutter dressed to kill, and he seemed dreadfully anxious about something, as he made a break-neck rush for every train that came, although assured it wasn't the one he was looking for.

However, the train was a couple of hours behind time, and poor Sam looked very woeful as he asked us if there might not have been a "smash up," and all the passengers sent to "kingdom come." However, the train finally got in, and the yard-wide grin that spread over Sam's mug as a certain girl came along, made the gloomy depot seem cheerful.

"Young Jumbo" made a break for the trains too, and seemed awful worried till a fair one, on whom he had

wasted such a lavish wealth of affection, heaved in sight. Then, oh, then, we will leave some one else to describe the delight that young gent felt, but we fear the parental eye threw a wet blanket on their meeting.

Fred Mueller was looking for somebody too, and didn't wait very long, we thought, when he sailed away with a neat lady on his arm.

John Wolf was there—why, oh, Johnnie is always within eyesight of his adored one; can't bear the agony of parting for more than 24 hours at a stretch.

Joseph Schraudner's dandy figure towered above every one, except "Young Jumbo," as he eagerly scanned each feminine face for the joy of his heart, but by the melancholy lone-some look on his face he was left too bad, Joseph.

Well, as for ourself, we were perfectly, yaws, just suited to the state of affairs—nuff said.

Mr. Peter Kyle, who farms not many leagues from here, was at the depot—also at church last week; Peter is a thorough good chap, and is well known and liked by many of the mutes.

Mr. Samuel Hicks, of Jacksonville, Ill., also took in the lecture and church on June 14th and 15th. He told us the object of his visit was to see if a man that wanted him as book peddler was meaning business or fooling. Mr. Hicks also added he expects to wed some one ere he is many years older.

Henry Gross just arrived in town last Saturday, from the classic halls of the deaf-mute college. It did our heart good to see his sunburnt mug and grasp his hand with an oldtime shake.

Mr. Hanson, of Minnesota, also from the Deaf-Mute College, accompanied Mr. Gross here, and will stay a short time. We think he is a very pleasant young man, and if Kendall Green turns out lads of his stamp, we would like to see more of them.

Hugh Lamb took advantage of a short leave of absence to make a visit to Clarkville, Mo., for the purpose of seeing his friend, Mr. J. H. McFarland, who has been laid up from the effects of a serious accident for a couple of months. Hugh found him slowly mending, and says he thinks his trip did both of them good, though he yearns to get off for a few months and stay there.

The Jupiter furnace shat down last week, throwing Edgar Hazzard out of his job. We are sorry for Edgar, and hope he will soon "catch on" to something better. More anon, June 22, '84. JIM JAMS.

Quaker City Jottings.

The closing scenes at the Quaker City Institution were quite exciting, the air being full of farewells and moist with briny tears.

Thursday afternoon, "Bella L—" and "Violet" entertained Messrs. R. A. Zeigler, R. Lyons and C. Palmer, in the matron's parlor. A pleasant game of cards was indulged in, Mr. Palmer winning the game because his fair partners paid more attention to the gentlemen than to the game.

"Little Rep" did not forget to bid his old friends good bye, and to wish them a happy vacation. Gallant as ever, we say.

"Robbie," the ladies' favorite, was the life and soul of our jovial party, which held its farewell gathering Thursday night.

"We are parting in silence, we are parting in tears," sang sweet Bella L—. So we are, but then did not the last happy graduate of Kendall Green, and the handsome gent from Tennessee, promise to meet us at the Convention, only a few weeks hence?

Mr. R. Lyons left Philadelphia on Friday morning to meet the vessel "City of Rome," in which he expected to cross the deep, blue ocean, to his home in the beautiful Emerald Isle. A pleasant voyage and a safe return!

"Hieronymus" looked as if the melancholy days had come, the last time we saw him, and said he did not know where to go or what to do with his summer vacation. Why not cultivate the acquaintance of the sweet country cousins?

"Violet," now that she is homeward bound, is hoping for an introduction to her "Neighbor," of whom she has heard so much.

"Queen Bess" failed to put in an appearance at our "breaking up," as usual.

Will not the mutes of Reading and vicinity have a picnic this year? We should like to go—that is, if "Liberty" will be as kind as his friend "Imperator," and send us an invitation.

The coming Convention, to be held in Philadelphia the latter part of August, bids fair to be well attended. We hope that New York will be well represented, and that each of the neighboring States may be well represented also.

Miss T. E. Glenn left for her home in Carlisle, Pa., on Friday. She has, we hear, completed her course at the Thomas School of Design.

Somebody, we do not know who, sent us a lovely little box of white violets. Our suspicions fall upon a certain young dude, of Manayunk. Should this meet the eyes of the kind donor, please accept our thanks.

Mr. R. A. Stevenson, the talented young Ohio printer, is again a resident of the Centennial City, and is as popular as ever.

Miss C. E. Biery left for Reading on Saturday, to visit Miss A. L. C. Smith, the belle of the Philadelphia Levee of 1883.

Let us close now with the hope that the writers to the JOURNAL will continue to send an occasional letter to its columns, and thus add to its interest. PHILADELPHIA, June 29. VIOLET.

IN AID OF THE VOICELESS.

Teachers of the Deaf-Mute Seeking Improved Methods of Tuition.

(New York Herald.)

A convention of teachers of deaf-mutes has come together in this city for the purpose of deliberating as to the best means for developing the faculties of the afflicted ones under their charge and obtaining such benefits as are to be derived generally from an interchange of individual experiences. The Convention assembled last evening at the Institute for the Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes, at Lexington avenue and East sixty-seventh street. Two hundred delegates were present, who came from all parts of the United States, and also from Canada and England. After the meeting had been called to order by Mr. Alexander Graham Bell, who in a brief speech explained the objects of the assembly, Mr. Frederick D. Wines, secretary of the Illinois State Board of Charities, was elected temporary chairman. A Committee on Credentials and a Committee on Permanent Organization were appointed.

After a brief recess the Committee on Permanent Organization reported the following list of officers:—President, Alexander Graham Bell; First Vice President, the Rev. William Stainer, delegate from the School Board of London, England; Second Vice President, Miss H. B. Rogers, of Northampton, Mass.; Third Vice President, Miss Sarah Fuller, of Boston; Secretaries, Miss Fletcher, of Northampton, Mass., and Professor Eldendorff, of this city.

After the officers had been installed, prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Stainer, who also made an address, in the course of which he said that he had been engaged in the teaching of deaf-mutes for the past forty years. He was greatly in favor of the articulation system of teaching—a system which had known to be applied with most beneficial results. He advocated the training of deaf-mutes as early an age as possible, for although to instruct the children when very young made the work more difficult, yet the earlier the work of instruction was begun the greater the final results.

PREVALENCE OF DEAFNESS.

Mr. Alexander Graham Bell addressed the meeting and, in the course of his speech, said:—"Few people have any idea of the extent to which deafness prevails. There are upward of thirty-five thousand deaf-mutes in this country. It has been estimated by competent authority that not more than five per cent of the total population of the United States have unimpaired hearing faculties. Deafness in children, as you are aware, seems to produce dumbness. A child of five or six years, who can talk well, becomes deaf from an attack of, say, scarlet fever or spinal meningitis, and soon the child's speech becomes affected. I say this in connection with the strange fallacies which prevail in the popular mind that muteness springs from some defect in the vocal organs. Nothing of the kind. I have examined the vocal organs of over four hundred deaf-mutes and have found them no different from those of other people. These deaf-mutes can be taught to speak, and it lies with us to devise the means for enabling them to talk. (Applause.)"

THE GROWTH OF DEAF-MUTE TUITION.

"It may be interesting to recall that at the opening of this century there existed no school in the United States for deaf-mute children. It was in 1817 that that the first institution of the kind was started at Hartford, Conn. At that time people had so little idea of the number of deaf-mute children in the country that it was believed that this school would accommodate them all. It was not long before the Hartford school became overcrowded, and the true state of affairs became somewhat more clearly apparent. Then the different States turned their attention to the subject, and to-day there are fifty-eight schools in the Union devoted to the teaching of the deaf-mute. But more yet are needed and more must be and will be established. It will be one of the duties of this Convention to direct attention to this subject, and to devise such means as are likely to bring about an increase in the number of schools."

The speaker then went on to praise the system of articulation teaching in the instruction of the deaf-mute. At the close of Mr. Bell's remarks the Convention adjourned until ten o'clock next morning.

The Convention of teachers of the deaf and dumb was resumed at the New York Institution, Lexington avenue and East Sixty-seventh street. At the morning and afternoon sessions a number of papers were read on lip reading and methods of instruction for the deaf and dumb. A resolution was passed, on motion of the Rev. Frederick H. Wines, that the attention of wealthy and benevolent persons be called the fact that the improvement of the condition of the deaf and dumb would be materially furthered by the establishment of a school for instructing teachers in articulation.

At the evening session a paper was read by Miss Fletcher, of Boston, on "Newspaper Reading." In this paper Miss Fletcher set forth that she had found it an excellent idea to allow the pupils to read extracts from

newspapers in class and ask questions concerning what they had read. This plan was commended as an excellent one by Rev. Mr. Wines, Principal Greenberger and others. The latter, however, suggested that it might be as well when newspapers were read to use the New York newspapers in lieu of those publications issued in Boston. Miss Keller, of the New York Institution, next read "Speech Reading," and Miss Wooster, of the Clark Institute, described the methods of lip reading adopted in her classes. Mr. Greenberger, of the New York Institution, then described the case of a pupil who slept with a servant girl. The two were heard talking together in the night. As there was no light in the room it was evident that the conversation was not carried on through the medium of lip-reading. Inquiry was made, and it was discovered that the pupil was in the habit of putting one hand upon the girl's chest and the other upon her throat, and ascertaining by the vibrations of sound the words she uttered. Some interesting exhibitions of the wonderful aptness of deaf-mute pupils followed. A pupil of the New York Institution, a comely girl of a sixteen years, was called to the platform. Although deaf to the loudest noise she readily understood by watching the motions of the lips whatever was said to her. Mr. Greenberger addressed her with the face turned full toward her, then with the face sideways and next from a distance of some fifteen yards away. She was enabled in each instance to understand his words, which were uttered in the ordinary conversational way both as to rapidity and pitch. He subsequently read passages from Roman history, which she repeated after him with accuracy. Even when the unusual and difficult remark, "Ohio as the see-saw State," was addressed to her, she readily deciphered the words. A girl of fifteen years, a pupil of Miss Fuller, of the Horace Mann School, of Boston, displayed similar proficiency in lip reading, and the two pupils next held an animated conversation with each other, utterly oblivious of loud noises which were made behind their backs to illustrate their utter lack of hearing. A noticeable feature of the voices of the pupils was that they both had a peculiar languishing, wailing tone. The teachers state that they expect to conquer even this peculiarity in time. The Convention adjourned until next day.

Prior to the assembling of the Convention the leading topic of conversation among the delegates was an extraordinary experiment which had been made under direction of Mr. Eldendorff, of the New York Institution. This experiment was as follows:—On Friday night Mr. Eldendorff, in the presence of a number of delegates, brought Ada Smith, the pupil of the New York Institution who had been shown such wonderful aptness in lip reading at the session on Friday evening, into a room lighted by a single gas jet. He placed the girl in such a position that she could not see his face, but could watch his lips reflected in shadow on the wall. Mr. Eldendorff then asked the delegates to suggest certain sentences which they might wish him to speak. He then repeated the sentences, and by the movement of the lips, as outlined on the wall, the girl deciphered the words with accuracy. The feat was considered by the delegates as a most striking illustration of the perfection to which lip reading can be brought. The girl has been deaf since she was five years old, and has been under instruction some seven years. Her other studies have been carefully attended to and she is intelligent and bright in every way.

The morning session opened with a paper by Professor Alexander Graham Bell on the line writing system. A clever paper illustrating the system was also read by Mrs. Gertrude Burton, of Washington. A resolution was next passed appointing Messrs. F. H. Wines, B. Greenberger and A. G. Bell, a committee to take such measures as might forward the plan looking to the establishment of a school for the instruction of teachers in articulation. Addresses setting forth the necessity and usefulness of such an institution were made by Mr. Paul Benner and Professor Bell. Professor Bell also gave some valuable advice as to the methods which should be pursued in testing the hearing powers. He uttered an emphatic warning against shouting or screaming into the ear, pointing out that such action was likely to injuriously affect the aural organization. The session came to a close with descriptions by Mr. Greenberger and Mr. Eldendorff of experiments with the ear trumpet. The latter related the case of a pupil who experienced pain when spoken to in a loud tone through the trumpet.

At the afternoon session a paper was read by Miss Caroline A. Yale, of the Clarke Institution, of Northampton, Mass., on "Some Elementary Language Exercises." In this paper Miss Yale described the difficulty experienced by pupils in mastering the verbs and pronouns, owing to their flexible character. Professor Bell, as chairman, congratulated the Convention upon the harmony which had prevailed and the many instructive lessons that had been gleaned from the papers and discussions which had come up. A committee empowered to call a convention of articulation teachers at some future time was next appointed. Resolutions thanking the officers of the Convention for their services and the trustees and teachers of the New York Institution for the hospitality extended to the delegates were passed, and the Convention adjourned sine die.

FANWOOD.

Closing Exercises at the Institution.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

VACATION.

(From our New York Correspondent's Letter.)

The closing exercises of the Academic Year, commenced in the chapel of the Institution at 10 A. M., Wednesday, June 25th. The change of hour appeared to be appreciated by the public at large, judging from the well-filled house. Quite a number of graduates from distant parts of the country were present. The following account of the exercises is from the New York Herald, of Thursday, the 26th ult.:

"At the New York Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb, of which Dr. Isaac Lewis Peet is Principal, the closing exercises of the academic year were held yesterday. There were nineteen graduates. The exercises began with prayer by Rev. Dr. Scripture, of Orange, N. J., after which an opening address was made by the President of the Institution, Hon. Erastus Brooks.

"A class of deaf-mutes was then marshalled upon the platform and an illustration of the system of primary instruction was given. Impromptu addresses were next delivered by a number of deaf-mutes, who conveyed their views by means of the sign-language, which was translated into words for the benefit of the audience by an instructor on the platform. A number of highly interesting pantomimic representations of scenes and objects were given by Frederic Eckardt and May C. Collins, both deaf-mutes. These pantomimic representations, especially when depicting the movements of birds and bees, were remarkably realistic. George Decker delivered a poem in the sign-language, the movements employed being graceful and rhythmic in the extreme.

EXPRESSIVE SIGN-LANGUAGE.

"The following graduating essays were delivered in the sign-language: 'Characteristics of Negro Life,' by Walter L. Bingham; 'Ambition,' by Arthur L. Thomas; 'Technical Education,' by Theodore I. Lounsbury; 'The Antiquity of Man,' by Anthony Capelli; 'Modern Painters,' by Dennis Sullivan. 'Othello's Address to the Senate,' was delivered in forcible and highly expressive signs by James H. Eaton, a blind deaf-mute. A choir of deaf-mute girls gave, by means of concerted signs, the hymn 'America.' Their motions were the perfection of grace. After an oration on 'The Results of Small Beginnings,' and a Valedictory Address in the sign-language by George S. Porter, the exercises were brought to a close by a paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer, rendered in concerted signs by a class of boys."

The exercises were concluded at one P. M., at which hour lunch was served and partaken of by the great majority of visitors. Many deaf-mutes from the city remained here until evening in order to witness the last social of the term in the sitting room of the girls. This affair was an extremely pleasant one, and was a fitting wind-up to the school year.

The Valedictory and Essay, delivered by George S. Porter, is given in full below:

RESULTS OF SMALL BEGINNINGS.

Art, Science and Literature have contributed so much to the cause of civilization, that the curse of labor seems to be rapidly disappearing, and man to be growing more and more like the great Creator, of whose image and likeness he is given to him from day to day.

In primitive ages of man, art was foremost. The exigencies of his condition made it necessary for him to provide for his necessities by the use of his hands, and thus the elements, thus forming the germ of architecture. The first beginnings were probably rude and simple, but constant progress was made.

In architecture, the Greeks made the most surprising advances, and Athens stands pre-eminent in the history of civilization, in the variety and splendor and permanency of her contributions to the progress of the beautiful art. It seems a long way from the hut of the savage to the palace of a king, or from a log across a brook to the East River Bridge, but one is the direct result of the other, in the same instance. Whether we have reached the end yet, or there still remains further developments, is a question which, judging from the past, is ever progressive.

Our languages also had their beginning. Commencing with rude and harsh cries, expressing only danger, hunger, and so on, man gradually added more and more to his language. Time again rolled away and the vicissitudes of time brought on greater refinements. The unpleasant discord of sound was modified by art and made to harmonize with the sense of hearing; and spoken language gradually came into existence. The first beginning of writing, strange as it may seem, was probably a branch broken from a tree to mark the way, or a stake set up to serve as a warning. Then came other signs, rude and poorly done; then, snatching a purpose, these developed into hieroglyphics, and then into an alphabet of sounds, and we had writing.

To satisfy his religious cravings, man naturally brought sculpture into existence. He began carving for himself gods out of stone and wood. Gradually these became better and better, until they reached such a degree of perfection that we read of a sculptor who made an imitation of a woman so real that he fell in love with it, talked to it, and adorned it with jewels of great value.

We can not give anyone the credit of being the originator of art, as it springs up naturally everywhere as a result of necessity and desire. It seems apparent that our Creator implanted the love of it in every human being as a source of happiness and a means of virtue, and made the exercise of it useful in promoting the virtue and happiness of others. The Biblical record tells us the first sculptors were Bezaleel and Aholiab, who lived about 2500 B. C., and made the ornaments of a tabernacle out of gold, silver and brass.

Literature seems, in some respects, to be an exception to the general rule. The best productions are not, by any means, the latest. Works written so long ago that the authors are known only as a name, still stand in the front rank of literature. Greece knows no age nor country, but the appreciation of it grows from year to year. It is not certain that one man in a thousand heard of Homer while he lived, while now anyone of any education knows him well through his poems.

Probably the greatest blessing which art has

conferred on mankind, results from the discovery of printing, by Gutenberg. Prior to this discovery, Christianity was slow in reaching the hearts of the people, but, thanks to his feeble beginning, the art has been so perfected that now the copies of the Bible have been printed, and by the aid of organization and co-operation, Christianity is being rapidly diffused throughout the world.

We read on history's printed page of the great sufferings and waste of human life, simply for glory, honor and wealth. Light and darkness struggled for superiority, and the elements of misery, and flooded the world with its brilliancy.

We are living in an age of vast and useful results. There are costly and elegant edifices, churches which point their spires heavenward, libraries with their thousands of volumes of choice literature, which furnish healthy brain food to those in need, and all placed at the feet of the poor. Science has gone so far as to span rivers, make steam our man-of-all-work, to drive our engines, move our machinery and make transportation so easy that you may be carried hundreds of miles a day, on either land or water with unimpeded speed. Electricity has been converted into our messenger to carry any communication we desire to the farthest ends of the earth with the rapidity of lightning—also to light up our homes with a power almost equal to that of the sun.

In education, the most surprising achievements have been made. The discovery of a mode of teaching the deaf and dumb by signs. The honor of this is due to the Abbe de l'Epee, who achieved it only a little over a century ago. He broke down the heavy chains of ignorance and the shackles of prejudice, and opened the way for the alleviation and amelioration of the condition of these unfortunate children of silence, that the remark once made by Lucilius of old, that:

"To instruct the deaf, no art could ever reach, No care improve them and no eloquent teach," has been proven erroneous to the core.

While philosophers have devised methods and systems which have been so successful that the deaf and dumb of this generation are looked upon as a class to be respected and even admired, and large numbers of them are now in the schools of the deaf, and the plans whereby numbers may be brought together in well arranged buildings, and be surrounded by all the appliances necessary for the successful pursuit of knowledge.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Board of Directors: We turn to you with grateful hearts. When our minds were clouded in ignorance, and our lives without a ray of hope, your kind thoughtfulness offered to us this happy home of education. You have furnished us with loving, painstaking and enthusiastic teachers and officers, who have ever endeavored to make us contented and happy. Now, in spite of the impediments which have been thrown into the way of our progress, we go forth into the wide world to act our part in the great battle of life, with minds trained to think and plan, and with hearts capable of appreciating what has been done for us. May God give you grace to continue on in your good work, and may you meet with your reward in Heaven. Farewell.

To the Principal, Professors and Teachers:—Words fail to give expression to our feelings of gratitude to you for your many years of hard and incessant labor in opening our minds to enjoy the sunshine of happiness and to take advantage of the many blessings bestowed upon us. The prospects which you have instilled into our youthful minds, will, in after years, be treasured in the minds of the class of '84 as the most precious gift we have received on earth. It is sad to see you go, but we shall ever witness as pupils at Fanwood, but upon you we hope it will daily rise for years on years, as new generations of pupils come and go, and perpetuating your memory and increasing the numbers of those who, when you are translated to the skies, shall rise and call you blessed. Farewell.

To the Superintendent and Officers of the Administration and Industrial Departments:—We have to thank you for much comfort and happiness, and for your persistent efforts to cultivate in us good habits and character. You have conducted our mechanical education with such zealous care, that we take our final leave armed with one of the most important weapons in the battle of life—a good trade—trade which we shall depend upon for support, without being, in any sense, dependent upon charity. And you have inspired in our hearts a feeling of friendship, which will continue while life lasts. Farewell.

Graduating Classmates:—The time has come to under the ties created by long years of association. We have been under the same roof, have tasted of the same advantages which the State has liberally placed before us, and we have walked the same labyrinth and trodden the same beautiful grounds, and our eyes have drunk in the same beauties with which Nature has surrounded us with her hand. Let us realize that our time to part has really come, seems almost impossible. To-morrow, hills and cities may divide us miles and miles apart, but we shall never forget the recollections of our dear old school days can never be taken from our memory. We go forth with bodies and minds developed into manhood and womanhood, and equipped to look the world in the face, and to realize that our lives will be upright, that we will be honest to ourselves and others, that we will never perform any act that will stain the good name of our alma mater. Let us always stand up for her, and try to be living representatives who shall glorify her name. Whatever station in life we may fill, let our motto be:

"In good or ill, be faithful still, Seek your reward on high; Let 'Do no harm' be your motto, Through life your battle cry." Farewell.

It was delivered in graceful and graphic signs, and at the close the young man received considerable applause.

A feature of the programme was the reading, by the President of the Institution, a report of the examination of the pupils in the printing department. The results achieved in this most important branch of industry have been of the most flattering character. For superior speed and celerity in type-setting and highest excellence in general technical knowledge of the art, G. S. Porter won the first prize, W. Durian the second, and T. I. Lounsbury the third.

Messrs. J. P. and S. T. Walker, Jenkins and Booth, of the Philadelphia Institution Faculty of Instruction, were present at the exercises.

THIS AND THAT.

On Tuesday evening of last week, at the conclusion of the exercises attendant to the planting of the Class Ivy, during which some very touching parting advice was given the graduates by Dr. Peet, Principal, the Superintendent of the Institution, Dr. Carson, invited them into his parlor to partake of refreshments. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all until ten o'clock.

Miss Ida Montgomery, instructor of the female division of the High Class, will spend her vacation in California. The Directors have added one month to her vacation, consequently it will be October before she resumes her duties in the classroom.

Prof. T. F. Fox will spend the month of August on the farm of Dr. Peet, in Dunkirk, N. Y.

Prof. Gamage and Mr. Gerloff will sail for Europe the last of this week or the middle of next. We understand Denmark is the point of principal interest.

Misses Berley and Noble, accompanied by that highly polished and positively irresistible "Bean" Barnes, made the kind heart of that princess of good humor, Miss Prudence Lewis, throb with pleasure on the occasion of a visit on Sunday. Probably they brought news from an absent one.

Anthony Capelli and William Rose accompanied the steamboat delegation

of pupils homeward, under the care of Messrs. Crittenenden and Currier, up the river as far as Albany. They called on Misses Overton, DeWillegar and Houghtaling, visited the principal points of interest in the City of Knolls and had a good time generally.

Many of our officers and teachers attended the sessions of the Convention of Articulation Teachers, held at the Lexington Avenue School, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. Prof. Currier, of Fanwood, was elected Chairman of the Committee on Credentials. Mr. A. T. Brown, of the Committee of Instruction of this Institution, was present at the first session held on Wednesday evening.

It is said that Prof. R. B. Lloyd, of the New Jersey School, is no longer connected with that Institution.

Charles Schmidt came up on Sunday after some cherries, and went to a tree near the house of Patrick Conroy, the Institution coachman. Patrick, his wife and two children waxed wroth, and ordered Charles to leave the premises. This he refused to do, thereupon Patrick and Charles lovingly embraced and the hair flew. A supervisor, fearing the evil results of too much hugging, with some difficulty succeeded in separating the belligerent lovers. Honors easy.

Miss Jane D. Lavery, of Buffalo, N. Y., formerly matron of our culinary department, has been stopping here for the past few days.

It is understood that a new drawing teacher, named Mrs. La Prince, has been engaged for the fall term.

A new gardener will soon occupy the position of Mr. Albert Metzger, the incumbent for the past four or five years.

The Gallaudet Club photographs are in the hands of resident members of the School.

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Prof. Jones' vacation will be passed at home rat exterminating. He has donned a blue shirt, and waddles around contentedly.

William Durian and William H. Fomire who, a week or so ago, contracted to remain and work in the printing office throughout the vacation, having backed out, Messrs. G. S. Porter and A. Capelli were hired to take their places. This arrangement is good for the office as well as for the last mentioned typists, but it will undoubtedly prove unfortunate to the two former, who will be compelled to sweater in some office not near as cool or agreeable to work in as ours.

NOTICE TO READERS.

The Committee on Games of the Brooklyn Society of Deaf-Mutes are obliged to withdraw three of the games—to wit: 1 mile walk, 1 mile run and 100 yards run, as we have received no entrance money for the said games. The 440 yards run will take place, and will be for the deaf-mute championship of the United States. Boys under 21 years old can enter the list. Entrance fee will be 50 cents for that event, including admission to the Park. Entries will close on July 24th, instead of on the 15th.

ALEX. DEZENDORE, Chairman. HEKRY STENORLE.

The address of the former is 455 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y., or 22 Fulton Street, New York City.

NEW YORK.

The election of officers of the Catholic Literary and Benevolent Union took place on Monday, the 23d ult. For President, the following persons were nominated by the annexed result: J. F. O'Brien, 14; J. F. J. Treach, 3, and James P. Donohue, 10. For Vice-President, J. D. Shelton, 12; Thomas Hayden, 2; J. H. Leonard, 0; John Dennen, 4. Second Vice-President, Thomas Hayden, 9; John Dennen, 3; J. H. Leonard, 3; John Lloyd, Jr., 2. Recording Secretary, John Lloyd, Jr., 13; J. C. Reilly, 2. Corresponding Secretary, W. J. Reilly, 8; James Russell, 5; J. C. Reilly, 3. Financial Secretary, J. P. Donohue, 11; Joseph Colby, 2; James Russell, 4; J. H. Leonard, 0; J. C. Reilly, 0. Treasurer, James Russell, 13; James F. Donnelly, 0; J. F. J. Treach, 2; John Dennen, 0; M. McCaffrey, 1.

Those who are named first are elected, as the By-laws, referring to elections, provide that the candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast is elected. After this, the Society closed for the summer. It will re-open on the first Wednesday in September.

The exhibition of the St. Joseph's Institution for the Improved Instruction of Catholic Deaf-Mutes, took place on Tuesday, the 24th ult., at the Institution in Fordham. The exercises commenced at 1.30. A special train for the accommodation of those who wished to attend, left the Grand Central Depot at 12.30.

The Newark Deaf-Mute Society has an active agent in this city, selling its tickets for the excursion to Northfield, N. J., on July 4th.

The "Iroquois" Club dined at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, last Sunday afternoon. The bill of fare was composed of tooth-picks and ozone.

Charles W. Hathaway was married about a month ago to Mary Palmatier, a former pupil of the New York Institution.

Miss Croak, a pupil of Fanwood, is spending part of her vacation with Miss Margaret Highfield, of Brooklyn.

A column of reading matter headed: "Deaf-Mutes Having Fun," appeared on page seven, of the New York Sun, last Sunday. It is an account of the picnic held last year by the Catholic Literary and Benevolent Union, and the only thing curious about it is that it took seven months to get it into the paper.

Mr. W. Ennis, of Brooklyn, has been sick a-bed for the past two weeks. The cause of this is the base ball match on Decoration Day. Rev. T. J. A. Freeman called on him last Friday.

The following appeared in the daily papers of last Friday:

"George Hall, a quack doctor, has been arrested in London, Ont., for manslaughter in killing a deaf and dumb child. He undertook to effect a cure by administering hypodermic injections and splitting open the child's tongue. The child died eight hours after the operation."

The Sun contains the following item:

"A deaf-mute entered a Grand St. barroom last evening and made very intelligible signs that he wanted a glass of beer. He took his drink, paid for it, and clearly intimated that he wished the bartender to join him in another. He was accommodated, and, having paid promptly, no hesitation was felt in supplying him when, with a sweeping motion of his hand, he invited all in the room to partake. Every body expressed an intense interest in the language of the deaf and dumb, and nobody refused to be sociable. The drinks had been served when a second mute entered, and, accosting his brother in misfortune in the universal language of signs, signified his willingness to be 'counted in.' But the first mute evidently would not have heard of it even if he had been able to do so. He staggered, he rolled his head, he extended his hands as though it was the breadth of a street and not the length of it that was troubling him, and in other ways he silently stigmatized the newcomer as a drunkard, and not to be included in the invitation. The stigmatized one drew back, hurt and offended, and the drinks were partaken of and paid for without his participation. The treasurer went out, after exchanging at the door a few haughty signs with the second mute. The latter advanced smilingly, and, with deftly moving fingers, said what might have been translated as: 'Gentlemen, name your liquors.' They were named and drank. The mute was going out when the bartender reminded him that he had omitted to pay for what he had ordered. 'And I thought,' he added, smilingly, 'that you invited me to take a drink, too; so I've taken one, you see.'

"You did, eh?" said the hitherto mute man. 'Well, you were quite mistaken. But I don't blame you. Blast that sign-language, anyhow. Nobody but the deaf and dumb can understand it. Now, I thought that chap who has just gone out said to me at the door that he had paid for another round, me included. We were both mistaken, you see; but we won't get caught that way again, will we? Good night.'

"He was close to the street and very fleet footed."

A sarcastic champion of the sign-language, on reading the above, said it was only another one of the tricks of the advocates of the articulation method of instruction to down the sign-language.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roberts, of Harlem, gave a party last Tuesday evening. Several members of the Guild were in attendance. The affair broke up at about 12 P. M.

NOTICE.

Mr. William Bailey, of Beverly, is expected to conduct services for deaf-mutes in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Cortes St., Boston, on Sunday, July 6th, at 3 P. M. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at noon.

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EIGHTH ANNUAL EXCURSION OF THE MANHATTAN LITERARY ASSOCIATION, TO CEDAR GROVE, (HIGHLANDS OF NAVESINK.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 1884.

Adult's Ticket, - - - 50 cts. Children under 14 years, - - 25 cts.

STEAMER FLORENCE leaves 8th Street, East River, at 8 A. M., and West 11th Street, at 9 A. M.

Cedar Grove is delightfully situated on the banks of the Shrewsbury River, in that part of New Jersey known as "Navesink Highlands." Near the grove is a magnificent light-house, from the top of which is presented to the eye an enchanting panorama of 35 miles of surrounding country, including the Atlantic Ocean, Coney Island, New York and its environs.

Excellent facilities are afforded for bathing (both river and surf), boating, fishing, baseball, and all such sports as go to make up a day of pleasure in an excursion of this kind.

Neither pains nor expense have been spared by the "M. L. A." to make this excursion equal to, if not to excel all previous affairs of its kind ever given by the society.

Tickets can be had at the JOURNAL office, or from Members of the Association.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: EMIL BASCH, Chairman, ADOLPH EKARDT, T. FRANCIS DRISCOLL.

SECOND SEASON GRAND EXCURSION OF THE CATHOLIC LITERARY BENEVOLENT UNION OF DEAF-MUTES, TO ROTON POINT GROVE, ON THE SOUND.

"BRIGHTON OF THE EAST."

Thursday, August 21, 1884.

Saloon Steamer "Crystal Stream."

Leaves West 17th Street at 8 A. M. East 23d Street at 8:30 A. M. East 109th Street at 9 A. M.

MUSIC BY PROF. RICH E. SAUSE.

Tickets, adults, 50 cents each. Children under 12 years, 25 cents each.

Number of tickets limited, so as to avoid overcrowding.

Roton Point is on Long Island Sound, near Five Mile River, Conn., the Grove being close to the landing. Among the attractions are Sun and Still Water Bathing, there being a fine sandy beach the same as Coney Island and Rockaway, one hundred New Bathing Houses and New Bathing Suits, Sailboats and Row Boats and Excellent Fishing. Cool spring water in abundance. Tables for 2000 guests. Carroussals and Cradle Swings. A large Dancing Pavilion, 60x100 feet, fronting the Sound, where there is always a cool and refreshing breeze. A Large Hotel, Restaurant and Pavilion, Ice Cream Saloon, Four Large Bowling Alleys, Photograph Gallery, Base Ball and Croquet Grounds, etc. etc. The trip to Roton Point by water is a delightful one, the scenery being Romantic and charming.

The Society reserves the right to refuse admission to all objectionable persons.

Tickets can be had at the JOURNAL office and from Members of the Union.

GRANDEST OF THE SEASON. COME ONE! COME ALL!

No Postponement on Account of the Weather.

FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC AND FESTIVAL OF THE BROOKLYN SOCIETY OF DEAF-MUTES, TO BE HELD AT EULER'S FAMOUS BROADWAY PARK, BROOKLYN, ON THE AFTERNOON & EVENING OF SATURDAY, JULY 26, '84.

It is hardly necessary to say that the Committee have spared no pains to make it a most enjoyable affair. Every thing that is necessary to the success of a first class picnic, such as dancing, athletic games, swinging, bowling alley, shooting gallery, merry-go-round, shady walks, refreshments, etc., will be provided.

A first class band will be in attendance to discourse choice selections of music.

There will be several contests in athletic games. Handsomely designed gold and silver medals will be awarded to the successful competitors. Any one wishing to enter the list as contestants, can do so by communicating with the Chairman of the Committee on Athletic Games, Alex Dezen-dore, 455 Hudson Avenue, Brooklyn, or No. 22 Fulton Street, New York City.

The following race will come off at 4 P. M. sharp:

Boy's Race, 440 yards run—Open to Deaf-mutes only.

Entrance fee, 50 cents. Entries will close on July 24th. A handsome silver medal will be given to the winner.

Tickets, - - - 25 cts. Children under 12, - - - Free.

DANCING TO COMMENCE AT 2.30 P. M.

The grounds can be reached from Fulton Ferry or the East River Bridge, by the Fulton Street via East New York cars. By the Grand St. and Williamsburg Ferries, by taking the Broadway via East New York cars.

COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS: HENRY L. JOHNSON, Chairman, EDWARD MCCOVELL, ALEX DEZENDORE, CHARLES E. GREEN, J. P. LEAM, HENRY HORVEL, HENRY STENORLE.

DIRECTORY.

For the convenience of the public, we propose to publish in this column, in ALPHABETICAL ORDER, a list of Societies, Clubs and Associations of Deaf-Mutes. Every organization is invited to send its card. Changes will be made as ordered by the Secretaries.

BALTIMORE DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

The Baltimore Deaf-Mute Association holds its meetings in rooms at the Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company Establishment, third floor, (entrance on Forrest St.) corner Gay and Forrest Sts. Regular meetings on every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M., for business only. Strangers and deaf-mutes in general are cordially invited to come in at any time of the day. The officers of the association are: President, Jas. H. Mooney; Vice-President, Wm. McElroy; Secretary, John A. Brandick; Corresponding Secretary, Chas. J. Perego; Treasurer, Harry J. Gill; Sergeant-at-Arms, Robert E. Underwood. The Secretary's office is 155 E. Chester St., Baltimore, Md., where all communications relating to the association should be addressed.

BROOKLYN SOCIETY OF DEAF-MUTES.

The Brooklyn Society of Deaf-Mutes meets every Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock, in the Tuttle's Building, 198 Grand Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. The officers of the Society are: William C. Connelley, President; Henry Stenore, Vice President; Charles E. Green, Second Vice President; Thomas Godfrey, Secretary; Henry L. Johnson, Treasurer; Jacob Swartz, Sergeant-at-Arms. The Secretary's address is 31 Meeker Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

CALIFORNIA DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

This association is a branch of the Y. M. C. A., of San Francisco. President, Theo. Grady; Secretary, Martin Aronson. Divine services, first and second Sundays at 11 A. M. Educational classes, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Regular business meetings, first Thursday in each month. Address all communications to Martin Aronson, No. 3 Monroe St., San Francisco, California.

CATHOLIC LITERARY AND BENEVOLENT UNION, OF NEW YORK.

The Catholic Literary and Benevolent Union of Deaf-Mutes, meets every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M., in the College Building of St. Francis Xavier, 30 West 16th Street. First and last meetings, Tuesday and Friday evenings at 8 o'clock. Strangers and deaf-mutes in general are cordially invited. Corresponding Secretary's address, James P. Donohue, 371 Second Avenue.

CHICAGO MUTE CIRCLE.

The Chicago Mute Circle holds lecture meetings at 8 P. M., in the Parish Building, 148 E. Madison Street, on the first and third Thursdays of each month, except July and August, at seven o'clock, P. M., and also holds Sabbath meetings at the same place, on the second and fourth Sundays of each month, at three o'clock P. M. The Secretary's P. O. address is Young Men's Christian Association office, Chicago, Illinois.

CINCINNATI ANDERSON SOCIETY.

The Cincinnati Anderson Deaf-Mute Society meets at the Young Men's Christian Association Rooms, Cor. 6th and Elm Street, first and third Saturday in each month, at 8 P. M. Henry Bards, President, and Jesse K. T. Houghland, Secretary. The Secretary's P. O. address is 71 Bremen Street, Covington, Ky.

CLERIC LITERARY ASSOCIATION, OF PHILADELPHIA.

The Cleric Literary Association, a branch of All Souls' Guild, meets every Thursday evening, at 8 P. M., in the Parish Building (2nd floor), of St. Stephen's P. E. Church, 10th St. above Chestnut St. Lectures every Thursday evening, except 2nd Thursday of each September, last Thursday of December and last Thursday of January. The members of the Society are assigned for quarterly business meetings. Its object shall be the moral and intellectual improvement and social enjoyment of the members. George S. Siller is President, and Abraham L. Manning Secretary, and the latter's address is No. 1022 Sarah St., Philadelphia, Pa.

PHILADELPHIA CATHOLIC LITERARY UNION.

The Catholic Literary Union of Deaf-Mutes meets every Tuesday evening at 8 P. M., in the large Philopatrian Hall, which is situated in 12th St., below Walnut St., front second floor. Last Thursday in every month for business meetings only. Strangers in town are cordially invited. Thomas Conroy is President, and Edward Carr is Secretary.

ST. LOUIS CLUB.

The St. Louis Deaf-Mute Club holds its meetings in room 8, third floor, Bryant & Stratton's Business College building, corner 5th and Market Streets (opposite the Court House). Regular meetings on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, for business only. The reading room, well equipped with dailies and illustrated weeklies at the club's own expense, is open to members and their friends at all times. The purpose of the Club are principally of a social nature, but the literary advancement of St. Louis gentlemen and ladies will not be neglected. Lectures will be announced by the President from time to time, and all are welcome on such occasions. Strangers in town are cordially invited to drop in at any time of the day, and make themselves at home in the club room. Officers: President, W. E. Guas; Vice-President, William Stafford; Treasurer, William Campbell; Secretary, Hugh P. Lamb; Sergeant-at-Arms, John Campbell. Secretary's address, 113 Chestnut St., St. Louis, Mo.

THE BAY STATE DEAF-MUTE CHRISTIAN MISSION.

The Deaf-Mute Christian Mission holds its annual meeting every two years in February. Its object is as follows: To encourage the formation of union societies, for the mutual benefit of all, in their respective localities, and to instruct a friend of humanity and Christianity in their behalf. To assist in giving extra services to such local union societies who are in need of more services than they can make themselves. Its officers are as follows: P. W. Packard, President; James P. Burbank, Secretary, and John T. Tillinghast, Treasurer. Geo. B. Keniston and W. Bailey, Executive Committee of two.

THE MANHATTAN LITERARY ASSOCIATION, OF NEW YORK CITY.